# <u>Virginia Banking Fellows Program</u>

A Fellowship for second year students at Virginia's Community Colleges

This Fellowship is a collaborative partnership between the Virginia Bankers Association Education Foundation and the Virginia Foundation for Community College Education with a mission to provide opportunities for deserving students to attend a Virginia community college to pursue their academic goals, strengthen their leadership skills, and learn more about the banking industry.

Twelve students will be designated as Virginia Banking Fellows and receive an award of \$7,000 to support tuition, books, fees and other expenses related to their education.

## **Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders**

In addition to receiving financial support, the Virginia Banking Fellows will join a cohort of future leaders participating in activities designed to expand their community involvement and leadership skills while exploring the merits of a career in banking. Three leadership forums are held throughout Virginia where Fellows meet and learn from leaders in state and local government, business, education, and non-profit organizations. All costs to attend the leadership forums are covered by the fellowship (including transportation, accommodation, and meals).

# **Partnering with the Community**

A hallmark of the Fellows program is community service. Fellows are required to fulfill a community service commitment each academic semester, providing a platform for them to grow and an opportunity to support their community.

This program is made possible through the generosity of the Virginia Bankers Association Education Foundation and the following banks:













### Who Can Apply

Students of all ages, genders, backgrounds and ethnicities who are enrolled in a Virginia Community College with 30 credit hours completed by May 2022. Qualified applicants must demonstrate academic excellence (cumulative GPA of 3.0), leadership potential and personal integrity, as well as a commitment to community service.

Preference will be given to first-generation college students, those from underserved communities, and those committed to working toward diversity, equity, and inclusion issues and initiatives.

#### **Dates & Deadlines**

The Fellows application is now open, and will close May 30, 2022. Fellows selected will be notified in June 2022.

For more information or to apply, please visit: vfcce.org/fellowships



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