

THE VIRGINIA FOUNDATION

for COMMUNITY COLLEGE EDUCATION

VIRGINIA BANKING FELLOWS PROGRAM

The mission of this scholarship program is to create opportunities for deserving students to attend a Virginia community college full-time to pursue their academic goals and strengthen their leadership skills.

Applicants must excel academically, exhibit exceptional leadership potential, participate in community service activities, and demonstrate financial need. The applicant must be a resident of Virginia and plan to be enrolled for a full year. Twelve students will be designated as Virginia Banking Fellows and receive an award of up to \$7,000 to support tuition, books, fees, and other expenses related to their educational goals such as the American Bankers Association accredited coursework.

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. Fellows are invited to attend three overnight leadership forums hosted in Richmond and other parts of Virginia. During these sessions, they will meet and learn from leaders in state and local government, business, education, and non-profit organizations. In addition, Virginia Banking Fellows will have the opportunity to attend banking industry events throughout the year such as the Virginia Bankers' Association Leadership Conference, DEI Summit, state advocacy day, and other events as available.

Prospective Fellows will be notified in June 2022 of the award and fall orientation dates.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Be enrolled full-time, as your program requires, at a Virginia community college with 30 credit hours completed by May 2022. (Completed credit hours can be from another public or private institution)
- Plan to be enrolled full-time for the entire 2022-2023 academic year with intent to transfer to a four-year college or university or enter the workforce.
- Preference will be given to first-generation college students, those from underserved communities, and those committed to working toward diversity, equity, and inclusion issues.
- Demonstrate evidence of academic excellence (cumulative GPA of 3.0), leadership potential, and personal integrity.
- Demonstrate history of community service or faith-based endeavors.
- Demonstrate impact this financial assistance will have through application essay or by submitting FAFSA.
- Be recommended by a faculty member, campus mentor, or advisor.
- Must be able to travel and participate in leadership forums with other VFCCE Fellows.

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