



VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE  
AND STATE UNIVERSITY

## **Student Support Grants Program Continuation Application 2008-2009**

University Scholarships and Financial Aid  
Office of Multicultural Affairs  
Center for Academic Enrichment and Excellence

**Current grant recipients must submit an application for continuation with the Student Support Grants Program in the spring to be eligible to receive aid each school year. The grant is renewable for 2 years only.**

The Office of University Scholarships and Financial Aid (USFA), Multicultural Affairs (OMA), and the Center for Academic Enrichment and Excellence (CAEE) sponsor the **Virginia Tech Student Support Grants Program (SSGP)**. This initiative is designed to improve the retention and graduation rates of the undergraduate student population and to contribute to the development of student leaders on campus. Two categories of Student Support Grants are available.

**Presidential Enrichment Campus Grant Student Assistant:** Up to fifteen sophomores, juniors, and seniors will serve as mentors, tutors, and/or support staff for the Office of Multicultural Affairs' Presidential Campus Enrichment Grant Program (PCEG). More information about the PCEG program can be found at: <http://www.multicultural.vt.edu/pceg> The PCEG Student Assistant grant is \$1,200 per year (or \$600 per semester) and renewable for up to two years pending satisfactory progress.

**Center for Academic Enrichment and Excellence Student Assistant:** Up to ten sophomores, juniors, and seniors will serve as support staff/representatives for the Center for Academic Enrichment and Excellence. The CAEE Student Assistant grant is \$1,200 per year (or \$600 per semester) and renewable for up to two years pending satisfactory progress.

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

- Full-time undergraduates enrolled at Virginia Tech
- Students must have earned at least 15 credit hours at Virginia Tech at time of application
- Cumulative GPA of at least 2.50 (your GPA will be verified)
- U. S. Citizenship or Permanent Resident Alien
- Current FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid, <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>) on file at Virginia Tech
- Appropriate class status as outlined for specific grant
- Knowledge of inclusive and supportive activities on campus
- Effective oral and written communication skills
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Willingness and desire to assist undergraduate students
- Demonstrated leadership skills

### **Expectations of Grant Recipients**

- Attend required/mandatory training session(s)
- Attend all scheduled SSGP events
- Fulfillment of responsibilities as outlined for the specific grant which you are rewarded

**Application Materials and Deadline:** A complete application form and **one letter of recommendation** from a Virginia Tech faculty, administrator, or staff member who is able to provide information about your ability to serve as a mentor tutor, or student leader are due by **March 31, 2008**. ***Only complete application packets submitted by the application deadline will be considered.*** The selection committee will interview finalists during the month of April.

**Award Notification and Disbursement of Funds:** Recipients will be notified by **June 2, 2008** or sooner. Recipients must have a current FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid, <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>) on file at Virginia Tech. *The award will be included on the recipient's USFA award letter.*

**Questions should be directed to:** Jessica Grimes, Assistant Director for Learning Assistance Programs, [jessicagrimes@vt.edu](mailto:jessicagrimes@vt.edu), Center for Academic Enrichment and Excellence (CAEE), (540) 231-5499



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2008 - 2009 CONTINUATION APPLICATION

<b>PART I: APPLICANT INFORMATION</b>	
NAME:	STUDENT ID NUMBER:
GENDER:	RACE/ETHNICITY
DATE OF BIRTH:	NO. OF SEMESTERS AS AN SSGP RECIPIENT:
EMAIL:	CITIZENSHIP (CIRCLE ONE): USA      PERMANENT RESIDENT      OTHER
<u>LOCAL ADDRESS</u> STREET:	<u>SUMMER/PERMANENT ADDRESS</u> STREET:
CITY/STATE/ZIP:	CITY/STATE/ZIP:
PHONE:	PHONE:
FOR WHICH GRANTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED? YOU MAY SELECT MORE THAN ONE. *	
<input type="checkbox"/> PCEG STUDENT ASSISTANT <input type="checkbox"/> CAEE STUDENT ASSISTANT	

\* Students will only be eligible to receive one award.

## PART II: ACADEMIC INFORMATION

SCHOOL/DEPT:	ACADEMIC ADVISOR:
MAJOR:	MINOR:
NUMBER OF EARNED CREDIT HOURS:	EXPECTED DATE OF GRADUATION:
MAJOR GPA:	CUMULATIVE GPA:

What is the highest level of education completed by your parents or legal guardian?

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|-----------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Mother:         | <input type="checkbox"/> HS Diploma | <input type="checkbox"/> Some college | <input type="checkbox"/> College Graduate | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| Father:         | <input type="checkbox"/> HS Diploma | <input type="checkbox"/> Some college | <input type="checkbox"/> College Graduate | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| Legal Guardian: | <input type="checkbox"/> HS Diploma | <input type="checkbox"/> Some college | <input type="checkbox"/> College Graduate | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

**PART III: ESSAY**

**On a separate sheet of paper, please prepare a typed statement which responds to the questions below in no more than one double-spaced page.**

What have you done to challenge your own comfort level with respect to diversity and multiculturalism?  
What did you get most out of your previous participation in the SSGP? What makes you stand out as a previous recipient?

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**By signing this application, you agree that all of the information provided is correct to the best of your knowledge. Your signature also grants your permission for the Virginia Tech Student Support Grant Program to solicit further information as needed from campus departments such as the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships and the University Registrar. This information will be kept confidential and will be used only for purposes related to your application to the Virginia Tech Student Support Grants Program.**

Applicants' Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return completed application materials to:**

Virginia Tech Student Support Grants Program  
Center for Academic Enrichment and Excellence  
Attention: Jessica Grimes  
110 Femoyer Hall (0276)  
Blacksburg, VA 24061

If you have questions or require additional information, please call (540) 231-5499.

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Date Received: _____
Received by: _____
Application Complete: NO ____ YES ____
Awarded: NO ____ YES ____
<input type="checkbox"/> PCEG Student Assistant
<input type="checkbox"/> CAEE Student Assistant
<input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Grant
Reviewer's Signature & Date : _____

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## Faculty Recommendation

APPLICANT'S NAME:	STUDENT ID NUMBER #:
EMAIL:	DATE:

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (known as the Buckley Amendment) gives students the right to inspect and review their education records. You may, however, waive the right to see specific confidential letters.

\_\_\_\_\_ I waive my right to examine this letter and understand that it will not be shared with me.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not waive my right to examine this letter.

*\* Failure to sign or indicate waiver status indicates confidentiality by default.*

Applicant's Signature:	Date:
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**The following is to be completed by the faculty member or other individual offering this recommendation:**

The above-named student has submitted an application to the Virginia Tech Student Support Grants Program. This initiative is designed to improve the retention and graduation rates of the undergraduate student population and to contribute to the development of student leaders on campus. In order for us to accurately assess the applicant's potential, please answer the following questions as fully as possible. Attach a separate sheet, if needed.

**1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?**


**2. Please evaluate the student in the following categories:**

	Very Good	Good	Fair	Not Applicable
Academic potential				
Maturity				
Ability to work independently				
Commitment to academic goals				
Writing ability				
Verbal communication				
Demonstrated leadership skills				

The selection committee would greatly appreciate a statement that speaks to the applicant's experience and potential as a peer mentor, tutor, and/or student leader. Please feel free to include any information that will give us a greater understanding of this applicant.


FACULTY MEMBER'S SIGNATURE:	DATE:
FACULTY MEMBER'S NAME:	
TITLE:	DEPARTMENT:
EMAIL:	PHONE:

The application **deadline is March 31, 2008** and students will be notified by June 1, 2008.

Please return this completed recommendation letter **no later than March 31, 2008** to the student in a sealed envelope or directly to the address below:

**Virginia Tech Student Support Grants Program**  
 Center for Academic Enrichment and Excellence  
 Attention: Jessica Grimes  
 110 Femoyer Hall (0276)  
 Blacksburg, VA 24061

Faxed copies will be accepted at (540) 231-2618, pending receipt of an original copy.  
 For more information or questions, please call (540) 231-5499.