FAQ
When Should I Apply for Financial Aid?
You should apply for financial aid as early as possible prior to the academic term for which you are requesting assistance. Students are encouraged to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as you/your parent(s) have completed your/their tax return(s) for the previous year. For students entering college in the fall, the FAFSA may be completed any time after January 1, of the same year. To meet the VA State Grant deadline, the FAFSA must be postmarked by May 1. Check the FAFSA website for your particular state deadline.
To apply online go to www.fafsa.ed.gov.

How Will I Find Out What Aid I’m Receiving?
You will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) approximately three weeks after filing your FAFSA. If any corrections need to be made, please contact the Financial Aid Office at 703-580-4810. For faster processing, corrections can be made electronically through the main office by contacting the above number.

The Financial Aid Office will receive a copy of your SAR electronically and will review your file. Additional information may be requested. Once all items have been received an Award Letter will be sent to you estimating the types and amounts of aid for which you are eligible.

First Time Financial Aid Applicants
1. Acquire a personal identification number online at www.pin.ed.gov. Both students and parents of dependent students should obtain a PIN.
2. Complete the FAFSA application worksheet at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Be sure to include VFCC’s federal school code (003306) on step six of the FAFSA.
3. Declare a major in an eligible degree or certificate program.
4. Fill out a student scholarship request form at the Dean of Students Office.
5. Check on the status of your application online. You can also call 1-800-4FEDAID (1-800-433-3243) with additional questions.
6. Respond immediately to requests for additional information.
7. Review your Student Aid Report (SAR) from the Department of Education.
8. Verify your mailing address and review all other information.
9. Cash or deposit your checks immediately.
10. Enroll for your classes indicating that financial aid is your method of payment.
11. Maintain set standards to keep receiving aid.

Valley Forge Christian College Woodbridge Campus (VFCCWC), located at 13909 Smoketown Road, Woodbridge, VA 22192, is certified to operate in the Commonwealth of Virginia by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), located at 101 N. 14TH Street, James Monroe Bldg., Richmond, VA 23219. All courses, degrees and certificates offered in the Commonwealth of Virginia are approved by the Valley Forge Christian College (VFCC) Board of Trustees, located at 1401 Charlestown, Road, Phoenixville, PA who are authorized by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Education, located at 333 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17126-0333. VFCC is accredited by Middle States Commission of Higher Education located at 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104.
Quality Education at an Affordable Price

Your college education is one of the most important investments you will make! Since we feel that students should receive a quality education, Valley Forge Christian College Woodbridge Campus is committed to helping you ease the financial burden of obtaining your education. Our efforts are directed at minimizing costs without sacrificing personal services or academic programming. In fact, our costs are lower than most four-year private Christian Colleges.

Scholarships

Valley Forge Christian College Woodbridge Campus invests in students through scholarships. In order to receive scholarships, students must enroll in and maintain at least six credit hours. Students must adhere to the behavioral standards of the college and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0. Failure to enroll in six credit hours or failure to maintain a 3.0 GPA will result in the student forfeiting the scholarship for that semester. Scholarships cannot exceed the cost of tuition for any semester and can only apply toward tuition charges. The deadline for all scholarships, unless otherwise stated, is 30 days prior to the start of the semester.

Financing Options

Veterans Benefits and Occupational Vocational Rehabilitation - Contact the local office of the appropriate agency to investigate these resources. There are also a number of scholarship programs available through community organizations and corporations.

Alternative Loans - Private loans that help supplement the student’s cost are also available. Applicant and/or co-signer must be credit worthy. Interest rates and deferred payment plan amounts vary depending on the lender. Applications are available through the Financial Aid Office.

Credit Cards and Payment Plans - We accept VISA or MasterCard credit cards. We can also set up a payment plan if needed. Contact the Financial Aid Office for more information and to further discuss your options.

Federal and State Programs

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The FAFSA is used by the Department of Education to determine your family’s aid eligibility. The Department of Education utilizes a standard formula which takes into consideration family income, number of dependents, assets, and the number of other family members in college. This formula remains the same no matter what the cost of the college. Once a family’s contribution is determined that contribution is subtracted from the total cost of your education. What’s left over is your “need”. An amount up to this need may be met by various types of financial aid. Most families use savings, income or loans in order to meet their contribution to college costs. You will find information in this brochure about ways to meet the “need” part of your expenses.

Federal Pell Grant

The Pell Grant is available for undergraduate students who do not have a bachelor’s degree but do have need based on the FAFSA. For current grant amounts, visit www.vfcc.edu/financialaid. A FAFSA must be filed each year.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant

The Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant is available for undergraduate students with demonstrated financial need. Priority is given to Pell Grant recipients. The grant amount varies. For current rates visit www.vfcc.edu/financialaid. A FAFSA must be filed each year.

Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan

The Federal Subsidized Stafford loan is a low interest federal loan for qualified students. Repayment (principal and interest) is deferred until six months after a student graduates, withdraws, or drops below half-time status. There is a fixed interest rate and the loan must be repaid within 10 years. Visit www.vfcc.edu/financialaid for current interest rates and loan amounts.

Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan

The Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan has the same terms, conditions and amounts as the Subsidized Stafford Loan except interest accrues while in school. This loan is available to students who do not qualify for the subsidized loan or who are not eligible for the full subsidized amount. Independent students may borrow an additional amount above regular Stafford limits. Students whose parents have been denied a PLUS loan may also apply for a supplemental Unsubsidized Stafford Loan.

Federal Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS)

Parents of dependent students can borrow through this loan program. Repayment begins within 60 days of second disbursement and the variable interest rate cannot exceed 9%. Loan amounts vary and cannot exceed the cost of attendance minus other financial aid received.