Professional Development for Child Care – This scholarship Program is for current/potential child care program staff to help improve the quality of child care. Undergraduate college courses required for a certificate or degree in early childhood education may be approved for payment through the Virginia Child Care Provider Scholarship Program VCCPSP), as funding allows. This Program is made possible through the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) and the federal Child Care and Development Fund. Child care teachers and directors are essential contributors to Virginia’s workforce and economy, and we value their efforts to improve the quality of child care by increasing their knowledge and skills in early care and education.

Maximum Award Amount - The Scholarship Program will pay for either 8 undergraduate college courses or a maximum lifetime award amount of $3,570 whichever occurs first. Once enrolled, the maximum lifetime award will not change; this serves as an incentive to use the scholarship funds before tuition increases. For example, if the original enrollment in the scholarship program was in 2013, the maximum lifetime award amount was $2,988.00 based on the average tuition costs and this maximum award amount will not change. Scholarships pay for tuition and technology fees for up to two courses per semester when the eligibility criteria are met.

Eligibility Information:
The applicant must meet all of the following criteria (Regulation 22 VAC 40-690-30).
1. Submit an online application.
   Paper applications are only available upon request to applicants who do not have a personal email address and to all who are applying for a scholarship with a 4-year college. This Program only reimburses up to $400 per 3-credit course at a 4-year college. Send an email request to childcare.scholarship@dss.virginia.gov or call 866.636.1608 and provide your name, address and telephone number.
2. Be an employee of a child care program located in Virginia, OR a Virginia resident (as defined by the Code of Virginia) who is employed in a non-Virginia child care program, OR a Virginia resident who intends to become employed in a Virginia child care program.
3. Select a Program-approved course for which a scholarship was not previously received.
4. Award Recipients must:
   a. Register for the class after receiving an award; and complete the course;
   b. Earn an A, B, C or passing grade. VDSS will not award future scholarships to those who receive a D or failing grade unless the state is reimbursed for the tuition and technology fees used; and
   c. Have no past occurrences of receiving an award without registering for the class or withdrawing from an awarded class after the add/drop deadline without completing the class.
5. Priority will be given to applicants currently employed in the field of child care. Based on eligibility and funding availability, applications for applicants who do not currently work in child care will be processed in the final week before the application deadline. Applicants are encouraged to apply early in the application period since funding is limited.

Payment – The program does not reimburse college students. Colleges are paid directly. If a student does pay for a course, it is his/her responsibility to make sure the college will reimburse the student. The program will notify college business offices of any VCCPSP awards. It is the student’s responsibility to submit a copy of the scholarship Award Letter to the college business office; if this is not done, the business office will not apply the scholarship award to the student’s account.

Communication with Students - Program staff will only speak directly with scholarship applicants/recipients about the status of their scholarship application unless dated, written permission is provided for another individual to speak on the student’s behalf each semester.

Changes in Your Plans Regarding the Scholarship - By the last day to add/drop (without financial penalty), students must withdraw from the course by following the college’s withdrawal procedures and completing a Change Course Form found in the applicant’s online scholarship application account or the website:
   (1) the awarded course is no longer available and a substitute pre-approved course is requested, or
   (2) the scholarship cannot be used due to extenuating circumstances, or
   (3) an advisor recommends another course.

Change Course Forms that are submitted AFTER this deadline will be denied, and the student will forfeit future awards.

Submission: Complete an online application at: http://www.dss.virginia.gov/family/cc/professionals_resources.cgi during the application periods: Spring (October 15–December 1); Summer (March 15–April 15); Fall (June 15 August 1). Students MUST apply each semester for which they wish to receive a scholarship, and during the corresponding semester application period.
### Participating Public and Private Colleges

#### Public Community Colleges

- Blue Ridge Community College
- Central Virginia Community College
- Dabney S. Lancaster Community College
- Danville Community College
- Eastern Shore Community College
- Germanna Community College
- J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
- John Tyler Community College
- Lord Fairfax Community College
- Mountain Empire Community College
- New River Community College
- Northern Virginia Community College
- Patrick Henry Community College
- Paul D. Camp Community College
- Piedmont Virginia Community College
- Rappahannock Community College
- Southside Virginia Community College
- Southwest Virginia Community College
- Thomas Nelson Community College
- Tidewater Community College
- Virginia Highlands Community College
- Virginia Western Community College
- Wytheville Community College

#### Public Two-Year and Four-Year Institutions

- Christopher Newport University
- College of William and Mary
- George Mason University
- James Madison University
- Longwood College
- Mary Washington College
- Norfolk State University
- Old Dominion University
- Radford University
- Richard Bland College
- University of Virginia
- University of Virginia at Wise
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Virginia Polytechnic and State University
- Virginia State University

#### Private Not-For-Profit and For-Profit Institutions

- Averett College
- Bluefield College
- Bridgewater College
- Eastern Mennonite University
- Emory and Henry College
- Ferrum College
- Hampden-Sydney College
- Hampton University
- Hollins University
- Liberty University
- Lynchburg College
- Mary Baldwin College
- Marymount University
- Patrick Henry College
- Randolph-Macon College
- Randolph-Macon Women’s college
- Regent University
- Roanoke College
- Saint Paul’s College
- Shenandoah University
- Southern Virginia College
- Sweet Briar College
- Tidewater Tech
- University of Management & Tech
- University of Northern Virginia
- University of Richmond
- Virginia Intermont College
- Virginia Union University
- Virginia University of Lynchburg
- Virginia Wesleyan College
- Washington and Lee University
# APPROVED UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

**Virginia Child Care Provider Scholarship Program**

**Virginia Department of Social Services**

**Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Development**

1. All CHD (Childhood Development) Community College courses are pre-approved for the Virginia Child Care Provider Scholarship Program.

2. Eligible applicants **may apply for up to 2 non-CHD Community College courses from the list below** during the lifetime of their participation in the Program.

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Eligible applicants may apply for scholarship awards up to $400 per course for undergraduate courses at a four-year college or university. Courses must be comparable to the pre-approved community college courses listed above and applicants must provide the following:

a) a completed paper application; send an email request for a paper application to childcare.scholarships@dss.virginia.gov or call 866.636.1608 and provide your name, address and phone number;

b) on a separate piece of paper include the four-year university course number, title and description you would like to take (this information can be found in the university course catalog);

c) the comparable community college pre-approved course listed above; and

d) include items (b) and (c) in Section 8 on your paper scholarship application (see http://courses.vccs.edu/courses for community college descriptions.)