TUITION ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM
~ IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS ~

This document contains important information for all students participating in the Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant (VTAG) program. It also provides details on the eligibility requirements, application deadlines, and criteria for award distributions. Please carefully read this document.

Background Information
VTAG is a non-need based grant for Virginia residents attending a participating Virginia private college or university. Funds for this grant have been appropriated by the state legislature since 1973. The actual VTAG award can vary each year. The General Assembly authorized a maximum VTAG award of $2,800 for 2012-2013. This authorized amount, however, is not guaranteed. The exact amount of each academic year’s award is determined by the funding amount appropriated by the General Assembly and the total number of eligible applicants. If funding is insufficient to fully award all students, it is possible that some students will receive no award.

Upon receipt of fall semester enrollment from eligible institutions, SCHEV will determine whether or not sufficient funds exist to make the official award of $2,800 with a second disbursement of $1,400. If SCHEV finds it necessary to award an amount less than $2,800, Bridgewater College will make an adjustment on the student’s account for spring semester and submit a revised billing.

Eligibility Requirements
Students must meet all the basic eligibility requirements set forth by the General Assembly and detailed in the VTAG regulations. The basic eligibility requirements are:

- Full-time domiciled resident of Virginia for at least one year prior to receiving VTAG.
- Enrolled as a full-time student for a minimum of 12 semester credits at Bridgewater College in an eligible degree program.
- A completed VTAG application submitted to the financial aid office by July 31, 2012.

Application Deadlines and Award Distribution Criteria
If funds are not sufficient to make full VTAG award to all eligible students, a priority system is used to determine the size of the awards. Students in the first categories must receive full funding before subsequent categories can be considered. For the 2012-2013 academic year, categories 1 and 2 will be combined to simplify the administration of the program and will receive the same award amount.

Priority System:

- Category 1: Returning students who are eligible for fall and spring terms and received a VTAG award in the previous fiscal year. **STUDENTS RECEIVING TAG IN THE 2011-2012 ACADEMIC YEAR DO NOT NEED TO REAPPLY FOR 2012-2013.**
- Category 2: New students to the institution’s VTAG program who are eligible for fall and spring terms, and who apply for the VTAG program by July 31, 2012. This category includes new freshmen, transfers, new graduate or professional students, and returning students who did not receive a VTAG award in the previous fiscal year.
- Category 3: New students to the VTAG program who attend the fall term, and who apply between August 1 and September 14, 2012.
- Category 4: All students applying for spring term awards only, and who apply by December 1, 2012.