



PROMISE PROGRAM

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Funded by Wellspring Foundation of Southwest Virginia, the Promise Program is an amazing opportunity for students who live in Washington County, VA to attend Virginia Highlands Community College for free. This generous scholarship is available for the Class of 2025 through 2037 and is designed to make college and workforce training more accessible and affordable, covering tuition, fees, and books. Whether you are attending public school, private school, or are homeschooled, if you've lived in Washington County for at least 12 months prior to graduation and are a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, you can qualify!

FULL COVERAGE OF EDUCATION COSTS



The scholarship covers **full tuition and fees**—so you can focus on your studies, not how to pay for them.

Plus, you get up to **\$500 per semester** for books, taking care of one of the most stressful college expenses!

TIMEFRAME



The scholarship supports you for up to **five consecutive semesters**, including summer, to help you finish your degree or training.

Whether you're aiming for a degree, transferring to a four-year college, or diving into workforce training, this program is designed to support your goals.

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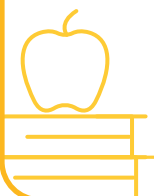
Whether you choose a **degree, transfer program, or workforce training**, you're covered. It's an incredible chance to kick-start your future with support and encouragement every step of the way!

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



You'll also have the chance to give back by completing **8 hours of community service** each year you are attending VHCC, helping make a difference locally while working toward your future.

NO HIGH SCHOOL GPA REQUIREMENT



Don't worry about having to meet a specific GPA to qualify—this program is **open to all** who meet the basic residency and citizenship requirements.

Once at VHCC, as long as you keep up a **2.0 GPA**, you can keep enjoying the program benefits.

A TRUE PROMISE FOR STUDENTS



Best of all, the **Washington County Promise Program** is a "**last dollar**" scholarship, meaning it covers what's left after other financial aid has been applied.

This ensures you get the most out of all available resources, giving you the best chance to succeed without financial stress.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

FAQS

Who is eligible for the Promise Program?

Students who live in Washington County, Virginia at least 12 months prior to their high school graduation.

Does the funding cover my tuition at any college or university?

No, the funding is specifically tied to students who enroll at Virginia Highlands Community College.

Is it only for students who want to earn an associate degree or transfer to a 4-year college?

No. While the program will cover tuition, fees and books for students who want to pursue a 2-year degree or transfer to a 4-year institution, this program also covers students who enroll in workforce training programs.

When do I have to enroll to be part of the program?

High School graduates who live in Washington County, Virginia at least 12 months prior to graduation must enroll at VHCC immediately following their spring high school graduation (either summer semester or fall semester).

How many semesters are covered?

The program will cover a total of 5 consecutive semesters.

How many classes do I need to take?

The minimum credit hour requirement is 6 hours. There is no maximum credit hour requirement.

Do I have to have a certain GPA in high school to be eligible?

There is no high school GPA requirement for entry into the Promise Program.

Why do I have to complete the FAFSA and VHCC scholarship application?

The Promise Program funding is last dollar funding after all Federal & State aid have been applied and after any additional scholarship funds have been applied. In order to be eligible for Federal or State funding, students must complete the FAFSA and the VHCC scholarship application.

What if I don't want to complete the FAFSA or VHCC scholarship application? Can I still enroll in the Promise Program?

No. Students must complete the FAFSA and VHCC scholarship application to be eligible to benefit from the Promise Program.

Why is there an 8-hour community service requirement?

Wellspring Foundation of Southwest Virginia & Virginia Highlands Community College believe it's important to become involved and give back to our community through volunteering.

Who do I contact to learn more about the Promise Program?

You can visit [PromiseProgram.org](https://www.PromiseProgram.org) or talk to one of the **VHCC navigators** at your local school.

How long will the Promise Program be available?

The Promise Program is a 13-year commitment by the Wellspring Foundation of Southwest Virginia and Virginia Highlands Community College. It covers all students that live in Washington County, Virginia who will graduate in 2025 through 2037.

