How to become a
Virginia Ready Scholar

VIRGINIA READY

Scholars are career minded, motivated, and prepared for today's labor market.

Virginia Ready enables Virginians to acquire the skills and resources they need to succeed in a competitive job market, while uplifting the value of credential based scholars. Virginia Ready scholars are Virginians who seize the moment and commit themselves to training for in-demand jobs.

Applicants must be enrolled in an approved course through our educational partners, complete career readiness training, and upon earning their credential, they will receive a $1,000 Credential Achievement Award.

During the Scholar Journey, they receive resume support, career coaching, and have access to our Employer Network: leading companies in Virginia that are hiring in healthcare, business/IT, and skilled trades industries.

Over 7,200
Scholars Enrolled

67%* of Scholars
are Employed or Advanced Their Careers

Over 4,800
Credentials Earned

Figures above account for Scholar enrollment from August 2020 through April 2023.
*Employment data is collected at the time of credential completion and is inclusive of data received by the Virginia Employment Commission.

IN DEMAND CREDENTIALS*

Business/IT

- AWS Cloud Practitioner
- CompTIA Fundamentals & Prep Cert.
- CompTIA Linux+ Prep & Certification
- CompTIA Network+ Prep & Certification
- CompTIA Security+ Prep & Certification
- CompTIA CASP+ Prep & Certification
- CompTIA CySA+ Prep & Certification

Healthcare

- Medical Assistant (CCMA) Program
- Medical Assistant Certification Prep (CCMA)
- Medical Scribe
- Medication Aide
- Nurse Aide Program (CNA)
- Patient Service Representative Program (PSR) (CMAA)
- Pharmacy Technician

Skilled Trades

- Construction Project Management
- Electrical Level 1-4 Apprenticeship
- Heavy Equipment Operator level 1
- HVAC Level 1-4 Apprenticeship
- Plumbing Level 1-4 Apprenticeship

*Eligible credential programs at Laurel Ridge Community College.

For a complete list of courses and associated educational partners (a community college, Sentara College of Health Sciences, and Grow with Google), please visit virginiaready.org.

Program has more than one associated course

THE SCHOLAR JOURNEY

1. ESTABLISH YOUR CAREER PATH

Enroll in a Supported Course with one of our Education Partners.

2. APPLY TO BE A SCHOLAR

You must submit your application prior to or within 5 calendar days of your class starting.

3. MAINTAIN YOUR SCHOLAR STATUS

After your application has been accepted, you must complete your career plan within 30 calendar days.

4. COMPLETE CAREER READINESS TRAINING

Scholars are expected to complete the Career Readiness Training offered by the Virginia Talent Opportunity Partnership by the time you finish your credential and are encouraged to attend workshops led by our partners.

5. ACCESS EMPLOYER NETWORK

Begin your career search journey and connect with Virginia Ready hiring partners!

6. EARN & SUBMIT YOUR CREDENTIAL

To complete your Scholar Journey and receive the $1,000 Credential Achievement Award, you must submit your credential within 150 calendar days of completing your course, along with completing the Career Readiness training requirements.

Virginia Ready Scholar Eligibility Requirements: to be eligible for our program, applicants must be in a supported course, adhere to the 5 day calendar day application deadline, and provide proof of residency within the State of Virginia for at least one year (domicile).
If you are enrolled with a community college, they must prove domicile at the time of course enrollment.

VIRGINIA READY TALENT DEVELOPMENT NETWORK

Virginia's Community Colleges

Sentara College of Health Sciences

Grow with Google

VIRGINIA TALENT + OPPORTUNITY PARTNERSHIP

We've partnered with Virginia's Community Colleges and their FastForward Workforce Credential Program, Sentara's College of Health Sciences, Grow with Google, and the Virginia Talent Opportunity Partnership. We work together to equip Scholars with the skills needed for jobs in high-growth sectors by earning a credential which lead to family sustaining wages and career pathways.