State Financial Aid Programs

College Scholarship Assistance Program (CSAP)
CSAP is a State grant program that provides funds to legal residents of Virginia who are in need of financial assistance. Students must be enrolled for at least six credits to qualify. Funds are limited.

Commonwealth Award (COMA)
COMA is a State grant program that provides funds to legal residents of Virginia who are in need of financial assistance. Students must be enrolled for at least six credits to qualify. Funds are limited and awarded on an annual basis.

Virginia Guaranteed Assistance Program (VGAP)
VGAP is a State grant program that provides funds to graduates of a VA high school or a program of home school instruction in accordance with 22.1-254.1. Recipients must be classified as a dependent student for Federal financial aid purposes and have at least a 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent. Recipients must be enrolled full-time (12 or more credits). Full-time Virginia domiciled dependent students who graduated from a Virginia high school with at least a 2.5 GPA may apply for this state grant program. If home schooled, must have SAT scores of at least a combined 900 verbal and math or ACT composite score of at least 19. Students must be first-time freshmen, must demonstrate financial need, and may qualify for renewal awards up to three additional years. VGAP provides financial assistance for tuition and books. Interested students should send their high school transcripts or SAT or ACT scores if home schooled to the Financial Aid Office with a note indicating their interest. GED students are not eligible.

Part-time Tuition Assistance Program (PTAP)
This state-funded tuition grant is for Virginia residents who enroll for one to eight credits who demonstrate financial need. Funding is limited and awarded early each year.

Merit Based Programs of Assistance

LFCC Local Board Scholarship Program
Scholarships are sufficient to cover tuition for up to 12 credit hours for the fall and spring semesters.

Principal’s Scholarships
A scholarship named in honor of the high school principal is awarded at each public high school in the College’s service region. This scholarship recognizes high academic achievers who will attend LFCC. Each high school selects the recipient and a scholarship application is required by the College. Scholarships are sufficient to cover tuition up to 12 credit hours for the fall and spring semesters.

College Board Scholarships
One scholarship per high school is awarded in honor of the local College Board. This scholarship is competitive based on academic achievement, leadership as demonstrated through extracurricular activities and citizenship. The selection of recipients is made by the Lord Fairfax Community College Scholarship Committee. Scholarships are sufficient to cover tuition up to 12 credit hours for the fall and spring semesters.
Tech Prep Consortium Scholarships
At least one scholarship per service area jurisdiction is awarded to recognize exemplary high school students enrolled in Tech Prep Programs. Scholarships are sufficient to cover tuition up to 12 credit hours for the fall and spring semesters.

Cultural Diversity Scholarships
Four scholarships are awarded that consider race or national origin as a factor in an applicant’s favor in order to assist in assembling a student body with a variety of opinions, backgrounds, cultures and experiences. Scholarships are sufficient to cover tuition up to 12 credit hours for the fall and spring semesters.

LFCC Educational Foundation Inc. Scholarships
Scholarships are awarded on the basis of need and/or merit, as determined by the donor. Review the complete list of Foundation scholarships, requirements, application materials and deadline information at http://www.lfcc.edu/scholarships.

Veterans Educational Benefits
Veterans who have served in the military or children, wives or widows of veterans may be eligible for educational assistance through the U.S. Department Veterans’ Affairs (VA). For information concerning the VA and educational assistance, contact the Financial Aid Office, http://www.lfcc.edu/veterans or http://www.gibill.va.gov. The Veteran Affairs Office at Lord Fairfax Community College provides information and application for VA educational benefits to veterans, reservists and eligible dependents. The Office also certifies students with confirmed VA eligibility who notifies LFCC of their registration for classes at LFCC.

Military Survivors and Dependents Program (MSDEP)
The Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program (MSDEP) provides education benefits to spouses and children of military service members killed, missing in action, taken prisoner or who became at least 90 percent disabled as a result of military service in an armed conflict. Military service includes service in the United States Armed Forces, United States Armed Forces Reserves, the Virginia National Guard or the Virginia National Guard Reserves. Armed conflict includes military operations against terrorism or as the result of a terrorist act, a peace-keeping mission or any armed conflict after Dec. 6, 1941. This program waives tuition, fees, room and board, and books at any state-supported college or university in Virginia. Benefits are available up to four years.

To be eligible, children and spouses of qualifying military service members must meet the following requirements:
- The child must be between ages 16 and 29; there are no age restrictions for spouses.
- The military service member must have been a Virginia citizen at the time he or she entered active duty or must have been a Virginia citizen for at least five years immediately prior to the date of the application for admission.
- In the case of a deceased military service member, the surviving spouse can meet the residency requirements if he or she lived in Virginia for at least five years prior to marrying the military service member or has been a citizen of Virginia for at least five years immediately prior to the date of application.