

Two-Year College Transfer Grant Program

This Act establishes a program to provide grants of up to \$2,000 per year to state residents who successfully complete an associate degree program at a public two-year institution of higher education and subsequently enroll in a four-year institution.

Submitted as:

Virginia

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Status: Enacted into law in 2007.

Suggested State Legislation

(Title, enacting clause, etc.)

1 Section 1. [*Short Title.*] This Act shall be cited as “An Act to Establish a Two-Year
2 College Transfer Grant Program.”

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4 Section 2. [*Definitions.*] As used in this Act:

5 1. “Accredited institution” means any institution approved to confer degrees
6 pursuant to [insert citation].

7 2. “Council” means the [State Council of Higher Education] established under
8 [insert citation].

9 3. “Grant” means the amount of financial assistance awarded under this Act
10 whether disbursed by warrant directly to an institution of higher education or directly to a student.

11 4. “Institution of higher education” means a four-year public or private nonprofit
12 educational institution within this state with a primary purpose to provide undergraduate collegiate
13 education and not to provide religious training or theological education.

14 5. “Student” means an undergraduate student who is entitled to in-state tuition
15 charges pursuant to the provisions of [insert citation].

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17 Section 3. [*Two-Year College Transfer Grant Program Created; State Council of Higher*
18 *Education To Promulgate Regulations.*] There is hereby created a Two-Year College Transfer
19 Grant Program to provide financial assistance to eligible students, beginning with the freshman
20 class of the [fall 2007] academic year, for the costs of attending a public or private institution of
21 higher education in this state. Funds may be paid to any institutions of higher education on behalf
22 of students who have been awarded financial assistance pursuant to section 4 of this Act. The
23 [Council] shall promulgate regulations for the implementation of the provisions of this Act and the
24 disbursement of funds consistent therewith and appropriate to the administration of the program.

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26 Section 4. [*Eligibility Criteria.*]

27 A. Under this program, grants shall be made to or on behalf of eligible domiciles in this
28 state who:

29 1. have received an associate degree at a two-year public institution of higher
30 education located in this state,

31 2. have enrolled in a four-year public or private institution of higher education
32 located in this state by the Fall following the award of the Associate Degree,

33 3. have applied for financial aid, and

34 4. have financial need, defined by an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of no
35 more than [\$8,000] as calculated by the federal government using the family's financial
36 information reported on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. Only
37 students who maintained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a scale of 4.0 or its
38 equivalent while enrolled in an Associate Degree program at a two-year public institution of
39 higher education located in this state shall be eligible to receive a grant under this Act.

40 B. Eligibility for a higher education grant under this program shall be limited to [three
41 academic years or 70 credit hours] and shall be used only for undergraduate collegiate work in
42 educational programs other than those providing religious training or theological education. To
43 remain eligible for a grant under this program, a student must continue to demonstrate financial
44 need, as defined in this section, maintain a 3.0 on a scale of 4.0 or its equivalent, and make
45 satisfactory academic progress towards a degree.

46 C. People who fail to meet the federal requirement to register for the Selective Service
47 shall not be eligible to receive grants pursuant to this Act. However, a person who fails to register
48 for the Selective Service shall not be denied a right, privilege, or benefit under this section if:

- 49 1. the requirement to so register has terminated or become inapplicable to the
50 person, and
- 51 2. the person shows by a preponderance of the evidence that the failure to register
52 was not a knowing and willful failure to register.

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54 Section 5. [*Amount of Award.*] The amount of the grant for an eligible student shall be
55 provided in accordance with the [Appropriation Act] and shall be fixed at [\$1,000] per year. An
56 additional [\$1,000] per year shall be provided to those students pursuing undergraduate collegiate
57 work in engineering, mathematics, nursing, teaching, or science.
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59 Section 6. [*Determination of Domicile.*] For the purposes of determining the eligibility of a
60 student for a Two-Year College Transfer Grant, domicile shall be determined by the enrolling
61 institution, as provided in [insert citation], and the [State Council of Higher Education's]
62 guidelines for domiciliary status determinations.
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64 Section 7. [*State Financial Aid Eligibility.*] The [Council] shall reduce state financial aid
65 eligibility by the amount of the grant awarded pursuant to this Act. Tuition assistance received by
66 a student under this program shall not be reduced by the receipt of other financial aid from any
67 source by such student. However, a student shall not receive a grant pursuant to this Act that,
68 when added to other financial aid received by that student, would enable the student to receive
69 total assistance in excess of the estimated cost to the student of attending the institution in which
70 they are enrolled.
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72 Section 8. [*Severability.*] [Insert severability clause.]
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74 Section 9. [*Repealer.*] [Insert repealer clause.]
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76 Section 10. [*Effective Date.*] [Insert effective date.]

Uniform Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction Act

This Act:

- establishes procedures for determining where jurisdiction lies in guardianship and conservatorship proceedings when the parties are not all in the same state;
- provides for jurisdiction in states with a significant connection to the incapacitated person;
- defines “significant connection;”
- provides for cooperation between courts of different states;
- allows for special circumstances if an incapacitated person is in a state that does not meet the “significant connection” standard;
- provides procedures for the transfer of jurisdiction to another state; and
- allows for registration of protective orders from other states.

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Suggested State Legislation

(Title, enacting clause, etc.)

1 Section 1. [*Short title.*] This Act shall be cited as “The Uniform Adult Guardianship and
2 Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction Act.”

3 4 Part I. 5 General Provisions 6

7 Section 2. [*Definitions.*] In this chapter:

8 (1) “Adult” means an individual who has attained 18 years of age.

9 (2) “Conservator” means a person appointed by the court to administer the property of an
10 adult, including a person appointed under [insert citation].

11 (3) “Emergency” means circumstances that likely will result in substantial harm to a
12 respondent’s health, safety, or welfare, and in which the appointment of a guardian is necessary
13 because no other person has authority to and is willing to act on the respondent’s behalf.

14 (4) “Guardian” means a person appointed by the court to make decisions regarding the
15 person of an adult, including a person appointed under [insert citation].

16 (5) “Guardianship order” means an order appointing a guardian.

17 (6) “Guardianship proceeding” means a proceeding in which an order for the appointment
18 of a guardian is sought or has been issued.

19 (7) “Home state” means the state in which the respondent was physically present for at
20 least six consecutive months immediately before the filing of a petition for the appointment of
21 guardian or protective order. A period of temporary absence counts as part of the six-month
22 period.

23 (8) “Incapacitated person” means an adult for whom a guardian has been appointed.