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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Janet Howell
Chair, Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Barry Knight
Chair, House Appropriations Committee

FROM: Peter Blake

DATE: May 24, 2022

SUBJECT: Update on the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program

The Virginia Acts of Assembly, Chapter 552, 2021, requires that the State Council of Higher Education receive reports of eligible students from public institutions of higher education for the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependent Education Program. Specifically, Item 150.E. states as follows:

4. Each institution of higher education shall report the number of recipients for this program to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia by April 1 of each year. The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia shall report this information to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees by May 15 of each year.

In accordance with this requirement, please find the attached report, which summarizes our findings. Please note that due to an ongoing student application review and acceptance process, the Department of Veterans Services (DVS) and public institutions of higher education continue to provide SCHEV with updated student eligibility reports throughout the month of May and SCHEV anticipates making summer awards.

As of May 15, 2022, the records reflect a total of 2,346 recipients with \$2,833,654 combined in fall and spring term awards. The awards are funded by the \$2,280,000 appropriation for FY22 and \$1,290,273 in funds carried forward from FY21.

Just prior to the 2021-22 award year, DVS projected a 50% increase in program participation for FY22. Based on this projection, SCHEV determined that available funds could support a maximum annual award of \$1,200 for full-time enrollment (\$600 per fall and spring term). This is down from the previous maximum annual award of \$1,900 (\$950 maximum award per term). During the fall of 2021, unexpended financial aid funds from FY21 were carried forward to FY22 providing enough funding to restore to the previous maximum of \$950 per term for full-time enrollment (\$1,900 annualized award) as of spring 2022. In accordance with DVS' projection of a further increase in participation in FY23, SCHEV has requested an increase in program appropriations.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Lee Andes, Associate Director of Financial Aid, at (804) 225-2614 or leeandes@schev.edu.

Enclosure

c: The Honorable Aimee Guidera, Secretary of Education
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**Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program
2021-22 Number of Recipients and Amount Awarded as of May 15, 2022**

	Fall 2021		Spring 2022		Total	
	Number	Dollars	Number	Dollars	Number	Dollars
Four-Year Publics						
Christopher Newport University	59	34,800	60	56,300	63	91,100
College of William and Mary	58	33,450	58	51,830	65	85,280
George Mason University	215	119,100	218	189,270	250	308,370
James Madison University	139	82,350	138	128,520	150	210,870
Longwood University	49	27,600	48	42,310	55	69,910
Norfolk State University	60	35,400	61	54,670	72	90,070
Old Dominion University	315	174,450	292	257,730	367	432,180
Radford University	62	36,000	49	43,730	74	79,730
University of Mary Washington	54	30,300	56	50,380	64	80,680
University of Virginia	81	45,750	82	73,460	88	119,210
University of Virginia's College at Wise	6	3,300	7	5,940	7	9,240
Virginia Commonwealth University	305	177,664	265	244,950	339	422,614
Virginia Military Institute	22	13,200	22	20,900	22	34,100
Virginia State University	54	31,650	53	48,700	67	80,350
Virginia Tech	162	96,000	167	156,290	177	252,290
Four-Year Public total	1,641	941,014	1,576	1,424,980	1,860	2,365,994
Two-Year Publics						
Richard Bland College	12	6,900	8	7,370	14	14,270
Two-Year Public total	12	6,900	8	7,370	14	14,270
Community Colleges						
Blue Ridge Community College	2	1,050	3	2,850	4	3,900
Central Virginia Community College	2	750	2	1,200	3	1,950
Dabney S. Lancaster Community College	3	1,350	2	1,900	3	3,250
Danville Community College	1	600	1	720	1	1,320
Eastern Shore Community College	0	0	0	0	0	0
Germanna Community College	32	16,350	35	29,060	45	45,410
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College	11	5,250	15	10,970	20	16,220
John Tyler Community College	35	17,550	37	30,030	50	47,580
Lord Fairfax Community College	6	3,150	4	3,340	7	6,490
Mountain Empire Community College	2	1,050	3	1,910	3	2,960
New River Community College	4	1,800	5	3,810	5	5,610
Northern Virginia Community College	75	38,400	79	64,300	108	102,700
Patrick Henry Community College	6	3,150	4	3,090	6	6,240
Paul D. Camp Community College	0	0	0	0	0	0
Piedmont Virginia Community College	6	3,300	6	5,230	7	8,530
Rappahannock Community College	3	1,350	0	0	3	1,350
Southside Virginia Community College	2	900	1	720	2	1,620
Southwest Virginia Community College	1	600	3	2,140	3	2,740
Thomas Nelson Community College	32	15,900	38	28,340	54	44,240
Tidewater Community College	99	50,550	106	86,180	134	136,730
Virginia Highlands Community College	1	450	1	720	1	1,170
Virginia Western Community College	2	900	4	3,800	5	4,700
Wytheville Community College	3	1,350	1	950	3	2,300
	328	165,750	350	281,260	467	447,010
Other Publics						
Eastern Virginia Medical School	4	2,100	5	4,280	5	6,380
	4	2,100	5	4,280	5	6,380
	1,985	1,115,764	1,939	1,717,890	2,346	2,833,654

Funds	
Appropriation	\$2,280,000
Carry forward funds	\$1,290,273
Total Available for 2021-22	\$3,570,273
Term Award Amounts	
	Fall 2021
Full-time enrollment	\$600
3/4-time enrollment	\$450
Half-time enrollment	\$300
Less than half-time enrollment	\$150
	Spring 2022
Full-time enrollment	\$950
3/4-time enrollment	\$720
Half-time enrollment	\$480
Less than half-time enrollment	\$240