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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable L. Louise Lucas
Chair, Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Vivian E. Watts
Chair, House Appropriations Committee

FROM: Scott Fleming

DATE: May 28, 2024

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

The Virginia Acts of Assembly, Chapter 1, 2023, 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 - Stipend. Specifically, Item 142.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.

By way of reminder, the enclosed table presents the use of the VMSDEP stipend and does not reflect usage of the VMSDEP tuition waiver, which carries both higher usage and higher costs. The VMSDEP stipend is available to students meeting the requirements under Tier 2 only. Tier 1 recipients are dependents of veterans whose disability occurred due to service-related injuries, while Tier 2 recipients are

dependents of veterans whose injuries occurred due to military operations against terrorism, on a peacekeeping mission, as a result of a terrorist act, or in any armed conflict.

In accordance with the stipend-reporting 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, 2024, the records reflect a total of 4,800 recipients with \$7,384,751 combined in fall and spring term awards. These numbers are anticipated to grow slightly when summer awards are confirmed. The awards are funded by the \$7,680,000 appropriation for FY 2024.

This partial year report of 4,800 confirmed stipend awards represents a 40% increase over FY 2023 and continues a four-year growth trend as follows: FY 2021 - 13.7%, FY 2022 - 55.9%, FY 2023 - 37.5%, and FY 2024 - 40.1%, year-over-year. The current growth trend is anticipated to continue into the next biennium. Accordingly, SCHEV requested and was granted a \$2 million funding increase for the VMSDEP stipend award.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Lee Andes, Interim Director of Finance Policy & Innovation at (804) 225-2614 or leandes@schev.edu.

Enclosure

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**Virginia Military Survivors and Dependent Education Program
2023-24 Number of Recipients and Amounts Awarded as of May 15, 2024**

	Fall 2023		Spring 2024		Total	
	Dollars	Recipients	Dollars	Recipients	Dollars	Recipients
	Christopher Newport University	\$ 108,861	121	\$ 108,219	119	\$ 218,030
College of William and Mary	\$ 125,410	144	\$ 130,200	150	\$ 254,190	168
George Mason University	\$ 410,412	477	\$ 423,760	496	\$ 834,172	570
James Madison University	\$ 287,680	309	\$ 284,390	308	\$ 572,070	309
Longwood University	\$ 68,950	81	\$ 62,760	73	\$ 131,710	93
Norfolk State University	\$ 120,510	135	\$ 115,220	124	\$ 235,730	152
Old Dominion University	\$ 533,710	608	\$ 568,200	650	\$ 1,101,910	650
Radford University	\$ 83,890	93	\$ 76,790	88	\$ 160,680	122
University of Mary Washington	\$ 89,360	98	\$ 90,080	101	\$ 179,440	102
University of Virginia	\$ 140,690	157	\$ 144,270	163	\$ 284,960	165
University of Virginia College at Wise	\$ 13,780	15	\$ 13,300	14	\$ 27,080	17
Virginia Commonwealth University	\$ 509,681	550	\$ 509,858	556	\$ 1,019,539	613
Virginia Military Institute	\$ 32,300	34	\$ 22,800	24	\$ 55,100	36
Virginia State University	\$ 105,960	114	\$ 77,470	87	\$ 183,430	114
Virginia Tech	\$ 381,790	419	\$ 398,195	431	\$ 779,985	424
Subtotal	\$ 3,012,984	3,355	\$ 3,025,512	3,384	\$ 6,038,026	3,668
Richard Bland College	\$ 19,970	23	\$ 17,590	19	\$ 37,560	25
Subtotal	\$ 19,970	23	\$ 17,590	19	\$ 37,560	25
Blue Ridge Community College	\$ 9,500	10	\$ 10,465	12	\$ 19,965	14
Brightpoint Community College (JTCC)	\$ 48,370	65	\$ 45,070	60	\$ 93,440	82
Central Virginia Community College	\$ 3,800	4	\$ 6,440	9	\$ 10,240	10
Danville Community College	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0
Eastern Shore Community College	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0
Germanna Community College	\$ 87,400	106	\$ 98,590	120	\$ 185,990	149
Laurel Ridge Community College (LFCC)	\$ 12,160	15	\$ 10,730	13	\$ 22,170	17
Mountain Empire Community College	\$ 4,280	5	\$ 1,900	2	\$ 6,180	5
Mountain Gateway Community College (DSLCC)	\$ -	0	\$ 950	1	\$ 950	1
New River Community College	\$ 7,140	9	\$ 6,900	8	\$ 14,040	11
Northern Virginia Community College	\$ 141,680	181	\$ 148,230	196	\$ 289,910	262
Patrick & Henry Community College	\$ 2,620	4	\$ 4,280	5	\$ 6,900	6
Paul D. Camp Community College	\$ 4,290	6	\$ 4,520	5	\$ 8,810	6
Piedmont Virginia Community College	\$ 9,270	10	\$ 7,140	8	\$ 16,410	14
Rappahannock Community College	\$ 5,550	9	\$ 6,200	8	\$ 11,750	13
Reynolds Community College	\$ 14,080	20	\$ 19,040	24	\$ 33,120	32
Southside Virginia Community College	\$ 1,920	4	\$ 960	2	\$ 2,880	4
Southwest Virginia Community College	\$ 8,790	10	\$ 9,750	11	\$ 18,540	12
Tidewater Community College	\$ 200,000	241	\$ 214,070	259	\$ 414,070	338
Virginia Highlands Community College	\$ 950	3	\$ -	0	\$ 2,140	3
Virginia Peninsula Community College (TNCC)	\$ 38,610	51	\$ 51,690	67	\$ 90,300	81
Virginia Western Community College	\$ 15,470	19	\$ 14,770	18	\$ 30,240	24
Wytheville Community College	\$ 2,390	3	\$ 2,150	3	\$ 4,540	3
Subtotal	\$ 618,270	775	\$ 663,845	831	\$ 1,282,585	1,087
Eastern Virginia Medical School	\$ 12,370	15	\$ 14,030	17	\$ 26,400	20
Subtotal	\$ 12,370	15	\$ 14,030	17	\$ 26,400	20
Grand total	\$ 3,663,594	4,168	\$ 3,720,977	4,251	\$ 7,384,571	4,800

FY Appropriation	7,680,000
Carry forward from prior year	0
Available for current year	7,680,000
YTD expenditures	7,384,571
Balance (pending summer awards)	295,429

Term Stipend Award Amounts	Fall 2023	Spring 2024
Full-time enrollment	\$ 950	\$ 950
3/4 time enrollment	\$ 720	\$ 720
Half-time enrollment	\$ 480	\$ 480
Less than half-time enrollment	\$ 240	\$ 240