



Radford University
Two-Year College Transfer Grant Update
May 1, 2025

Requirement:

Per Item 142 paragraph F.4.d of the 2023 Special Session Amendments to the Appropriation Act, Radford University is required to report on the progress of achieving targeted goals for the Two-Year College Transfer Grant Program. In accordance with the mandate the following response is provided.

Response:

Radford University remains deeply committed to supporting the Two-Year College Transfer Grant Enhancement (CTG) program and strengthening transfer student enrollment. Under the leadership of President Bret Danilowicz, Provost Bethany Usher, and Vice President for Enrollment Management Dannette Gomez Beane, the University has seen remarkable results. In fall 2024, Radford welcomed 752 new transfer students—a 39% increase over the previous year and the largest transfer cohort since 2013.

This growth reflects the University's continued efforts to provide accessible and affordable pathways for transfer students. A key initiative this year was the introduction of direct admission for students with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher. Admitted students who met financial eligibility criteria—an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of \$100,000 or less and a Student Aid Index below \$15,000—were able to access the Radford Tuition Promise. This program covers full tuition costs and aligns closely with the CTG eligibility requirements, enabling students to stack both funding sources for maximum affordability.

Radford also ranks second statewide for its high rate of Transfer VA curriculum pathway filings. These structured transfer pathways clearly map Virginia Community College System courses to Radford University's degree requirements, offering students transparent and efficient routes to degree completion.

In fall 2024, Radford launched the **Tartan Transfer Program**, a strategic partnership with eight Virginia community colleges. Spring 2025 marks the first semester of program implementation, with over 30 students already declaring interest. Participants benefit from personalized academic advising, access to student services and campus activities, career preparation resources, and scholarship opportunities—all starting while they're still at their community college.

To further support this initiative, the University created the **Tartan Transfer Advising Coordinator** role. This position is dedicated to helping community college students complete their associate degrees—a key requirement for CTG eligibility. Early indicators suggest that more students are now choosing to remain at their community colleges until completing their associate degrees, improving their chances of qualifying for CTG funding.

In 2024, Radford served 18 students through CTG resources. A detailed chart of CTG utilization and total program enrollment is appended at the end of this document.

To ensure eligible students receive the CTG, Radford University employs a comprehensive outreach and support strategy that includes:

- Offering both virtual and in-person workshops (individual and group) to assist students in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and securing a valid Student Aid Index (SAI).
- Promoting CTG in conjunction with the Radford Tuition Promise to raise awareness among students and families.
- Dedicating staff to early advising interventions to encourage associate degree completion.
- Sending personalized outreach emails to potentially eligible students.
- Providing one-on-one counseling throughout the CTG awarding process.

The following tables provide a detailed summary of students receiving the Two-Year College Transfer Grant, CTG PLUS Grant, and CTG Incentive Grant since each program's inception. Please note that financial aid data for the 2024–25 academic year are not finalized until October; therefore, all projections (*) are subject to change pending final validation.

Recipients of the Two-Year College Transfer Grant

Year	Student Level Group	Residency	Term	# Unique Students	Total Dollars Awarded	Average Award
2009-10	Total	All	Annual	17	\$14,500	\$853
2010-11	Total	All	Annual	40	\$38,000	\$950
2011-12	Total	All	Annual	46	\$41,000	\$891
2012-13	Total	All	Annual	52	\$49,500	\$952
2013-14	Total	All	Annual	47	\$38,000	\$809
2014-15	Total	All	Annual	61	\$48,000	\$787
2015-16	Total	All	Annual	87	\$81,000	\$931
2016-17	Total	All	Annual	77	\$67,900	\$882
2017-18	Total	All	Annual	76	\$70,500	\$928
2018-19	Total	All	Annual	98	\$90,000	\$918
2019-20	Total	All	Annual	95	\$88,500	\$932
2020-21	Total	All	Annual	77	\$69,500	\$903
2021-22	Total	All	Annual	48	\$43,500	\$906
2022-23	Total	All	Annual	31	\$28,000	\$903
2023-24	Total	All	Annual	20	\$19,000	\$950
2024-25*	Total	All	Annual	18	\$17,000	\$944

Source: SCHEV FA22 Financial Aid by Program; Radford University Data Warehouse

Recipients of the Two-Year College Transfer Grant PLUS

Year	Student Level Group	Residency	Term	# Unique Students	Total Dollars Awarded	Average Award
2009-10	Total	All	Annual	4	\$3,500	\$875
2010-11	Total	All	Annual	14	\$13,500	\$964
2011-12	Total	All	Annual	16	\$14,000	\$875
2012-13	Total	All	Annual	20	\$16,500	\$825
2013-14	Total	All	Annual	15	\$11,500	\$767
2014-15	Total	All	Annual	15	\$12,000	\$800
2015-16	Total	All	Annual	19	\$15,000	\$789
2016-17	Total	All	Annual	16	\$13,580	\$849
2017-18	Total	All	Annual	15	\$12,500	\$833
2018-19	Total	All	Annual	47	\$41,500	\$883
2019-20	Total	All	Annual	43	\$39,000	\$907
2020-21	Total	All	Annual	32	\$27,500	\$859
2021-22	Total	All	Annual	14	\$12,500	\$893
2022-23	Total	All	Annual	11	\$10,000	\$909
2023-24	Total	All	Annual	12	\$12,000	\$1,000
2024-25*	Total	All	Annual	12	\$10,500	\$875

Source: SCHEV FA22 Financial Aid by Program; Radford University Data Warehouse

Recipients of the Two-Year College Incentive Grant

Year	Student Level Group	Residency	Term	# Unique Students	Total Dollars Awarded	Average Award
2015-16	Total	All	Annual	58	\$54,000	\$931
2016-17	Total	All	Annual	69	\$64,000	\$928
2017-18	Total	All	Annual	63	\$57,000	\$905
2018-19	Total	All	Annual	94	\$82,500	\$878
2019-20	Total	All	Annual	89	\$79,500	\$893
2020-21	Total	All	Annual	65	\$53,000	\$815
2021-22	Total	All	Annual	39	\$30,000	\$769
2022-23	Total	All	Annual	29	\$24,000	\$828
2023-24	Total	All	Annual	19	\$16,500	\$868
2024-25*	Total	All	Annual	16	\$13,500	\$844

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