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MEMORANDUM

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

The Honorable Luke E. Torian
Chair, House Appropriations Committee

FROM: A. Scott Fleming

DATE: July 2, 2025

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

The 2025 Virginia Acts of Assembly, Chapter 725, 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 130.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 Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by June 30 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 to date. As of June 30, 2025, the records reflect a total of 6,153 recipients with \$10,054,563 combined in fall and spring term awards. The cost of the program is anticipated to increase after summer 2025 awards are reconciled. Summer awards are estimated to total approximately \$550,000. Please note that this report is preliminary. Final totals for the program will be established upon completion of the financial aid data submission process scheduled for later this fall.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Lee Andes, Director of Finance Policy & Innovation 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 Dependent Education Program
 2024-25 Number of Recipients and Amounts Awarded as of June 30, 2025**

	Fall 2024		Spring 2025		Total	
	Dollars	Recipients	Dollars	Recipients	Dollars	Recipients
Christopher Newport University	\$ 172,663	187	\$ 184,136	195	\$ 356,799	211
College of William and Mary	\$ 164,180	189	\$ 166,750	188	\$ 330,930	215
George Mason University	\$ 613,410	713	\$ 580,660	681	\$ 1,194,070	812
James Madison University	\$ 424,500	457	\$ 419,544	452	\$ 844,044	485
Longwood University	\$ 98,380	108	\$ 60,600	68	\$ 158,980	114
Norfolk State University	\$ 136,840	146	\$ 128,070	139	\$ 264,910	174
Old Dominion University	\$ 739,890	823	\$ 651,340	732	\$ 1,391,230	825
Radford University	\$ 136,210	154	\$ 106,816	128	\$ 243,026	154
University of Mary Washington	\$ 130,460	144	\$ 125,190	136	\$ 255,650	144
University of Virginia	\$ 205,100	232	\$ 203,460	228	\$ 408,560	250
University of Virginia College at Wise	\$ 11,550	13	\$ 11,170	12	\$ 22,720	14
Virginia Commonwealth University	\$ 690,511	766	\$ 694,037	766	\$ 1,384,548	770
Virginia Military Institute	\$ 42,750	45	\$ 39,900	42	\$ 82,650	45
Virginia State University	\$ 105,240	112	\$ 98,330	104	\$ 203,570	112
Virginia Tech	\$ 516,150	551	\$ 515,660	547	\$ 1,031,810	551
Subtotal	\$ 4,187,834	4,640	\$ 3,985,663	4,418	\$ 8,173,497	4,876
Richard Bland College	\$ 34,200	36	\$ 33,760	37	\$ 67,960	37
Subtotal	\$ 34,200	36	\$ 33,760	37	\$ 67,960	37
Blue Ridge Community College	\$ 16,910	21	\$ 15,520	18	\$ 32,430	26
Brightpoint Community College (JTCC)	\$ 69,890	93	\$ 69,350	92	\$ 139,240	93
Central Virginia Community College	\$ 6,910	9	\$ 2,620	3	\$ 9,530	9
Danville Community College	\$ 1,900	2	\$ -	0	\$ 1,900	2
Eastern Shore Community College	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0
Germanna Community College	\$ 120,930	153	\$ 122,570	147	\$ 243,500	153
Laurel Ridge Community College (LFCC)	\$ 21,200	26	\$ 22,390	27	\$ 43,590	31
Mountain Empire Community College	\$ 6,670	8	\$ 1,900	2	\$ 8,570	10
Mountain Gateway Community College (DSLCC)	\$ 1,670	2	\$ 1,440	2	\$ 3,110	3
New River Community College	\$ 9,270	10	\$ 10,220	11	\$ 19,490	13
Northern Virginia Community College	\$ 201,720	260	\$ 189,060	237	\$ 390,780	260
Patrick & Henry Community College	\$ 5,700	6	\$ 6,660	8	\$ 12,360	9
Paul D. Camp Community College	\$ 10,250	13	\$ 9,050	11	\$ 19,300	13
Piedmont Virginia Community College	\$ 14,770	14	\$ 11,920	14	\$ 26,690	22
Rappahannock Community College	\$ 6,930	10	\$ 6,910	8	\$ 13,840	12
Reynolds Community College	\$ 23,580	30	\$ 31,660	39	\$ 55,240	51
Southside Virginia Community College	\$ 720	1	\$ 6,190	7	\$ 6,910	7
Southwest Virginia Community College	\$ 10,450	11	\$ 6,180	7	\$ 16,630	11
Tidewater Community College	\$ 292,400	358	\$ 253,890	321	\$ 546,290	358
Virginia Highlands Community College	\$ -	0	\$ 261	1	\$ 261	1
Virginia Peninsula Community College (TNCC)	\$ 79,070	102	\$ 70,525	92	\$ 149,595	102
Virginia Western Community College	\$ 20,970	27	\$ 17,410	23	\$ 38,380	27
Wytheville Community College	\$ 1,670	2	\$ 720	1	\$ 2,390	2
Subtotal	\$ 923,580	1,158	\$ 856,446	1,071	\$ 1,780,026	1,215
Eastern Virginia Medical School	\$ 16,410	19	\$ 16,670	20	\$ 33,080	25
Subtotal	\$ 16,410	19	\$ 16,670	20	\$ 33,080	25
Grand total	\$ 5,162,024	5,853	\$ 4,892,539	5,546	\$ 10,054,563	6,153