

## Old Dominion University Transfer Grant Recipients

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Old Dominion University identified 129 recipients and will pay \$108,500 in transfer grant awards. Additionally, Old Dominion University is approved to pay \$48,500 in Bonus awards to 64 recipients and \$90,000 in Incentive awards to 111 recipients.

Transfer grant application numbers remain strong, with Old Dominion University awarding an additional 2 recipients in the 2025-2026 award year compared to the previous award year. One additional student is still collecting necessary transcripts and will be awarded pending the collection of the transcript, submission to the University and available funding.

Factors that can negatively affect Transfer grant awarding include the following: Students not starting work on their 4-year degree the fall/spring upon completion of the Associate's degree, Associate degree 3.0 GPA requirement not met, students completing the 4-year degree in an abbreviated timeframe which reduced Transfer grant eligibility and students not meeting the FT enrollment requirement.

The FAFSA Simplification Act resulted in the revision to the long-standing EFC calculation and replaced it with the SAI methodology. This new methodology made student eligibility determinations more consistent over the course of enrollment by removing the EFC 'sharing' students received when a sibling attended college during the same school year. Effectively the expected family contribution was split between the enrolled sibling group. In conjunction with the transition to SAI, the Transfer Grant awarding upper threshold went from 12,000 EFC to 15,000 SAI.

Old Dominion University continues to promote degree attainment in recruiting initiatives. We utilize the True Cost Calculator (a Net Price Calculator tool) to assist online students investigating degree completion through the Online Virginia Network partnership with George Mason University. We continue to offer on-site admission programs at local VCCS campuses such as Tidewater Community College, Virginia Peninsula Community College (formerly Thomas Nelson Community College), and NOVA (Loudon, Manassas, Annandale, and Woodbridge). We also partner with Tidewater Community College with a reverse transfer program. Transfer Grants are discussed at each of these encounters. Both In-Person and Remote counseling appointments are available to all students wishing to meet one-on-one with a Financial Aid Counselor OR Academic Advisor.

Old Dominion University provides informative Award Notices to all transfer students and access to the Self-Service Portal, maintains regular communications with transfer students and holds separate Transfer Preview (orientation) programs throughout the year. Transfer student records are reviewed early in the awarding cycle and packaged at the same time as incoming Freshmen students permitting early receipt and evaluation of award options.