



Radford University
Two-Year College Transfer Grant Update
May 1, 2026

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:

In 2025-2026, Radford University intensified its focus on the Two-Year College Transfer Grant Enhancement (CTG) program, moving from foundational awareness efforts to targeted, data-driven strategies to identify and support eligible students. Under the leadership of President Bret Danilowicz, Provost Bethany Usher, and Vice President for Enrollment Management Dannette Gomez Beane, with a record transfer cohort established in fall 2024, the University has turned its attention in 2025-2026 to ensuring that enrollment growth translates into greater CTG awareness, access, and utilization.

In 2025-2026, Radford University placed special focus on the CTG program, significantly increasing efforts to identify and support eligible students. The University dedicated financial aid staff specifically to reviewing potential CTG applicants and ensuring funds are made available to all eligible students. A significant operational development this year was the addition of an Ellucian Banner analyst/specialist position, with a key responsibility being the use of data tools to proactively identify students with potential CTG eligibility and streamline outreach efforts. The University also updated its process to notify students of potential eligibility earlier in the academic year encouraging students to submit final documentation sooner and improving overall award confirmation rates.

Direct admission for transfer students with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher remains in place, and students meeting financial eligibility criteria, an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of \$100,000 or less and a Student Aid Index below \$15,000, continue to have access to the Radford Tuition Promise, which covers full tuition costs and aligns with CTG eligibility requirements, allowing students to stack both funding sources for maximum affordability.

Radford continues to rank second statewide for its high rate of Transfer VA curriculum pathway filings, offering students transparent and efficient routes to degree completion through clearly mapped Virginia Community College System course equivalencies. Now in its second year, the Tartan Transfer Program, a strategic partnership with eight Virginia community colleges, has expanded its reach and impact. Participants benefit from personalized academic advising, access to student services and campus activities, career preparation resources, and scholarship opportunities beginning while they are still enrolled at their community college. The dedicated Tartan Transfer Advising

Coordinator continues to play a central role in supporting students through associate degree completion, a key requirement for CTG eligibility, and early data suggests this intervention is meaningfully increasing the number of students who complete their associate degrees prior to transferring.

In 2025-2026, Radford served 57 students through CTG resources. This is a 217% increase from 2024-2025. 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:

- Leveraging institutional data tools through a dedicated Banner analyst/specialist position to proactively identify students with potential CTG eligibility and direct targeted outreach efforts.
- Updating processes to notify students of potential eligibility earlier in the award year, rather than waiting until after census, allowing more time for documentation submission and award confirmation.
- Assigning dedicated financial aid staff to the review of potential CTG applicants to ensure no eligible student is overlooked and awards are processed in a timely manner.
- Conducting personalized outreach to potentially eligible students through direct email communication.
- Hosting both virtual and in-person workshops (individual and group) to support students in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and obtaining a valid Student Aid Index (SAI).
- Connecting CTG promotion with the Radford Tuition Promise to strengthen awareness of combined funding opportunities among students and families.
- Providing dedicated advising support focused on encouraging associate degree completion as a pathway to CTG eligibility.
- Offering individualized counseling at each stage of the CTG awarding process to guide students from initial eligibility through final award confirmation.

The following tables provide a detailed summary of students receiving the Two-Year College Transfer Grant, CTG Bonus Award, and CTG Incentive Award since each program's inception. Please note that financial aid data for the 2025–26 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
2025-26	Total	All	Annual	57	\$52,500	\$921

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
2025-26	Total	All	Annual	27	\$24,000	\$889

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
2025-26	Total	All	Annual	55	\$49,500	\$900

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