

The University of Virginia’s College at Wise remains committed to providing an affordable and accessible education to students throughout Southwest Virginia and across the Commonwealth. Students from the College’s primary service region continue to experience significant socioeconomic challenges. Of the 756 students in the 2025–26 cohort who receive Pell Grant assistance, 559 have a Student Aid Index (SAI) of -1500, indicating exceptional financial need. Students with limited family financial support often face additional pressures related to employment and family obligations while pursuing their education. These challenges can negatively affect student persistence and degree completion.

The Commonwealth Transfer Grant, Transfer Plus, and Incentive Grant programs have provided important financial assistance to students who begin their academic careers at Virginia community colleges and subsequently transfer to UVA Wise. These programs support affordability for transfer students while strengthening transfer pathways between the Virginia Community College System and the College. In addition, transfer students contribute to enrollment in upper-level coursework and support the institution’s mission of increasing educational attainment within the region and the Commonwealth.

The table below provides the annual transfer targets, actual transfer enrollment figures, and the amount of Transfer Incentive Grant funding disbursed in support of eligible students.

Award Year	Target Number	Actual Number	Incentive Grant Disbursed
2019–20	20	46	\$40,500
2020–21	20	54	\$43,500
2021–22	20	36	\$30,500
2022–23	20	31	\$26,500
2023–24	20	30	\$26,000
2024–25	20	37	\$23,500

The College will continue to strengthen partnerships with Virginia community colleges, expand outreach to prospective transfer students, and provide targeted financial assistance to eligible students through the Commonwealth Transfer Grant, Transfer Plus, and Incentive Grant programs. UVA Wise also remains committed to supporting transfer student retention and degree completion through academic advising, student support services, and affordability initiatives designed to reduce financial barriers to student success.