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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: June 30, 2026

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

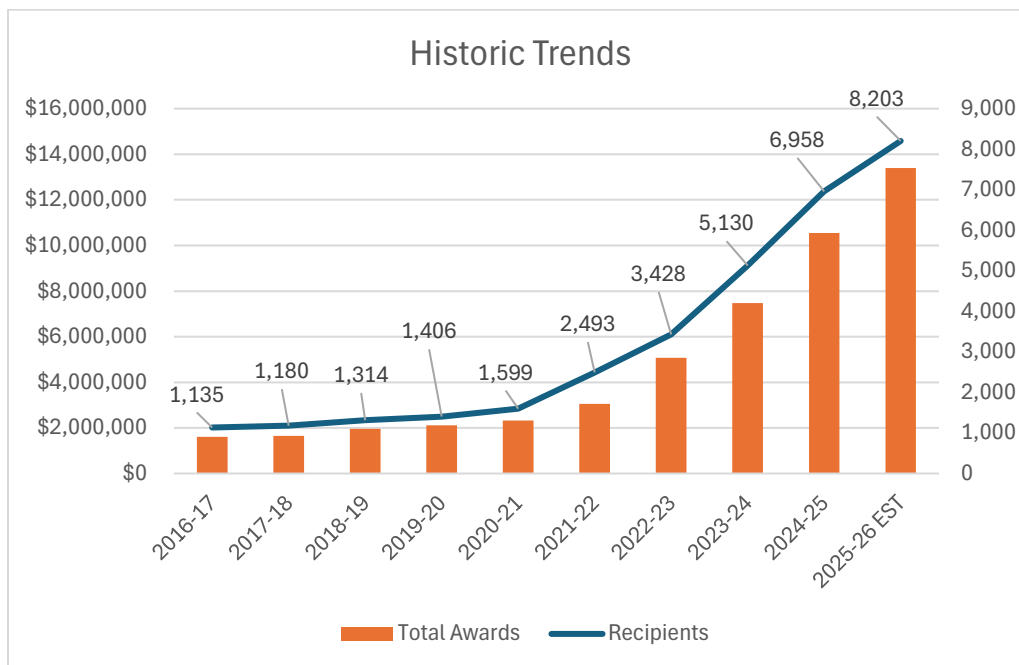
The 2025 Virginia Acts of Assembly, Chapter 725, requires that the State Council of Higher Education receive reports of eligible students from public institutions of higher education for the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependent Education Program - Stipend. Specifically, Item 130.E. states as follows:

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 records to date. As of June 30, 2026, the records show a total of 8,203 recipients receiving \$12,858,772 in combined fall and spring term awards. The cost of the program is anticipated to increase after summer 2026 awards are reconciled, which are estimated to total approximately \$585,000. 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 leandes@schev.edu.

Enclosure

- c: The Honorable Jeffery O. Smith, Secretary of Education
- Michael Maul, Director, Department of Planning and Budget
- John Maxwell, Commissioner, Department of Veterans Services
- Steven Combs, Department of Veterans Services
- Tony Maggio, House Appropriations Committee
- April Kees, Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee
- Tyler Williams, Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee

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**Virginia Military Survivors and Dependent Education Program
2025-26 Number of Recipients and Amounts Awarded as of June 30, 2026**

	Fall 2025		Spring 2026		Total	
	Dollars	Recipients	Dollars	Recipients	Dollars	Recipients
Christopher Newport University	\$ 235,370	246	\$ 246,800	261	\$ 482,170	274
College of William and Mary	\$ 191,770	218	\$ 196,040	223	\$ 387,810	246
George Mason University	\$ 747,240	796	\$ 732,630	787	\$ 1,479,870	915
James Madison University	\$ 550,891	590	\$ 549,490	589	\$ 1,100,381	632
Longwood University	\$ 128,830	147	\$ 110,750	124	\$ 239,580	149
Norfolk State University	\$ 169,140	172	\$ 114,220	118	\$ 283,360	178
Old Dominion University	\$ 995,840	979	\$ 982,581	1,090	\$ 1,978,421	1,111
Radford University	\$ 145,920	164	\$ 125,761	143	\$ 271,681	192
University of Mary Washington	\$ 184,400	198	\$ 181,750	196	\$ 366,150	220
University of Virginia	\$ 259,970	289	\$ 267,830	299	\$ 527,800	325
University of Virginia College at Wise	\$ 13,780	15	\$ 15,450	17	\$ 29,230	17
Virginia Commonwealth University	\$ 890,480	971	\$ 883,600	956	\$ 1,774,080	1,096
Virginia Military Institute	\$ 57,950	61	\$ 60,800	64	\$ 118,750	70
Virginia State University	\$ 117,340	125	\$ 94,310	101	\$ 211,650	139
Virginia Tech	\$ 625,420	0	\$ 642,300	685	\$ 1,267,720	745
Subtotal	\$ 5,314,341	4,971	\$ 5,204,312	5,653	\$ 10,518,653	6,309
Richard Bland College	\$ 33,020	35	\$ 31,610	35	\$ 64,630	44
Subtotal	\$ 33,020	35	\$ 31,610	35	\$ 64,630	44
Blue Ridge Community College	\$ 16,890	22	\$ 16,670	21	\$ 33,560	28
Brightpoint Community College (JTCC)	\$ 87,190	109	\$ 82,030	108	\$ 169,220	147
Central Virginia Community College	\$ 13,820	18	\$ 18,810	24	\$ 32,630	25
Danville Community College	\$ 2,850	3	\$ 2,620	4	\$ 5,470	4
Eastern Shore Community College	\$ 3,800	4	\$ -	0	\$ 3,800	4
Germanna Community College	\$ 140,420	166	\$ 148,790	180	\$ 289,210	230
Laurel Ridge Community College (LFCC)	\$ 27,380	32	\$ 28,080	33	\$ 55,460	44
Mountain Empire Community College	\$ 3,800	4	\$ 4,520	5	\$ 8,320	5
Mountain Gateway Community College (DSL)	\$ 1,900	2	\$ 950	1	\$ 2,850	2
New River Community College	\$ 13,790	15	\$ 17,380	20	\$ 31,170	22
Northern Virginia Community College	\$ 243,340	299	\$ 239,120	297	\$ 482,460	413
Patrick & Henry Community College	\$ 5,950	7	\$ 5,240	6	\$ 11,190	8
Paul D. Camp Community College	\$ 8,110	11	\$ 4,540	5	\$ 12,650	11
Piedmont Virginia Community College	\$ 14,540	18	\$ 11,440	15	\$ 25,980	26
Rappahannock Community College	\$ 15,210	17	\$ 14,520	17	\$ 29,730	23
Reynolds Community College	\$ 45,960	56	\$ 51,490	67	\$ 97,450	80
Southside Virginia Community College	\$ 9,550	13	\$ 10,500	12	\$ 20,050	15
Southwest Virginia Community College	\$ 7,600	8	\$ 5,960	7	\$ 13,560	9
Tidewater Community College	\$ 335,010	415	\$ 341,340	424	\$ 676,350	545
Virginia Highlands Community College	\$ 3,570	4	\$ 3,100	4	\$ 6,670	4
Virginia Peninsula Community College (TNCC)	\$ 93,100	117	\$ 134,049	160	\$ 227,149	168
Virginia Western Community College	\$ 16,240	23	\$ 17,670	25	\$ 33,910	33
Wytheville Community College	\$ 2,850	3	\$ 3,800	4	\$ 6,650	4
Subtotal	\$ 1,112,870	1,366	\$ 1,162,619	1,439	\$ 2,275,489	1,850
Grand total	\$ 6,460,231	6,372	\$ 6,398,541	7,127	\$ 12,858,772	8,203