

Virginia Union University

Brighter Future Initiative

Award: Up to \$1,400.00

Term: Annual award renewable for three (3) consecutive years

Criteria:

Grade Point Average: 2.2 or higher (other aid may be available for students with higher Grade Point Averages)

Class Year: Virginia Union Freshman Class 2009

Other: Participation in designated community service program

SAT/ACT scores must be on file in the Office of Admissions

U.S. Citizen

2009 Graduate of Richmond Public Schools

VUU expects the student will live with his or her parents; however, if a student chooses to live on or off campus, he or she is required to pay any fees associated with room and board costs.

Limitations:

The University reserves the right to amend or cancel, in whole or part, any provision, application, or award of this grant with written notice to the student recipient. All University codes and policies are applicable to the award, renewal, and maintenance of this grant.

Contact:

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Grant History:

Established by the University in 2008, the Brighter Future Initiative is designed to assist city of Richmond, Virginia public high school students in pursuing post secondary education at Virginia Union University. In the spirit of community service, the University is committed to assisting City of Richmond public high school students earn a college degree.

THE SAMPLES BELOW ARE FOR ILLUSTRATION PURPOSES ONLY AND MAY NOT REFLECT WHAT A STUDENT ACTUALLY RECEIVES IN AN AID PACKAGE. EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION (EFC), AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, AND OTHER FACTORS IMPACT A STUDENT'S AWARD PACKAGE AMOUNTS.

	Student A	Student B
Expected Family Contribution (EFC)	\$ 0 EFC	\$4,042 to \$5,041 EFC
Grade Point Average	2.2 or higher	2.2 or higher
2008 Richmond Public School Graduate	Yes	Yes
Housing	with parents	with parents
Virginia Union University Cost <small>(cost reflects tuition, comprehensive & technology fees)</small>	\$13,662	\$13,662
Federal Pell Grant	\$4,731	\$0
Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant	\$3,200	\$3,200
College Scholarship Assistance Program	\$750	\$700
Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant	\$750	\$0
Federal Work Study (FWS) – Earned by Student	\$2,000	\$2,000
Federal Stafford Sub Loan	\$0	\$3,500
Brighter Future Initiative	<u>\$1,400</u>	<u>\$1,400</u>
Total Financial Aid Award	\$12,831	\$10,800
Remaining Balance	\$831	\$2,862

(All figures are estimated and subject to change)

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Brighter Future Initiative Guidelines

THIS GRANT IS AWARDED ANNUALLY AND MAY BE RENEWED FOR THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE YEARS IF THE RECIPIENT MAINTAINS THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED BELOW:

The student must be a 2009 graduating senior from a City of Richmond, Virginia public high school.

VUU expects the student will live with his or her parents; however, if a student chooses to live on or off campus, he or she is required to pay any fees associated with room and board costs.

The student must enter the University with a 2.2 cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) or higher, and maintain at least a 2.2 GPA each academic year. The student must be enrolled full time each fall and spring semester at VUU and earn a minimum of 24 credit hours each year (August – May). All credits must be earned at Virginia Union (VUU) and the grant cannot be used to finance summer school.

The student who receives additional aid may have the amount of his or her Brighter Future Initiative adjusted. After adjustment, the total of all aid may not exceed the total cost of attendance.

Any student who drops out or withdraws from school may not have the grant reinstated. If conditions are not met, the grant will not be renewed. The forfeiture is irrevocable.

The student must have the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on file at Virginia Union University in order to receive the grant and each year prior to the grant's renewal. *(If you have any questions, the counselors in Financial Aid can be reached at 1-800-368-3227, ext. 5882).*

The student must apply for the Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant (TAG) through the Office of Financial Aid at Virginia Union University.

Any student recipient of University aid may forfeit his or her aid if found responsible for violating University policy. The University reserves the right to amend or cancel, in whole or part, any provision, application, or award of this grant with written notice to the student recipient.

The University expects all students to participate in a designated community service program.

COMPLETION OF ADMISSIONS APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE TO VIRGINIA UNION UNIVERSITY DOES NOT GUARANTEE A BRIGHTER FUTURE INITIATIVE AWARD. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE GRANT APPLICATION IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL FAFSA AND TAG APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED. STUDENTS MUST PAY THE \$250.00 CONFIRMATION FEE PRIOR TO AWARD OF THE GRANT. A LIMITED AMOUNT OF GRANT MONEY IS AVAILABLE.