

Virginia Tobacco Scholarship

The **Virginia Tobacco Settlement Program** assists eligible former Virginia resident tobacco growers, quota holders and their family members with up to the cost of tuition to attend credit classes at SWCC, after all other financial aid and scholarships have been exhausted. Students receiving Tobacco Scholarships must meet the requirements of “satisfactory academic progress” as defined in the SWCC college catalog.

- **Family member** is defined as the spouse of a former tobacco grower/quota holder, or child of a former tobacco grower/quota holder, or whose grandparent is the grower/quota holder.
- **Tobacco grower/quota holder** is defined as a **living** Virginia resident who is listed by the local Virginia Farm Service Agency office or who can provide documentation of being a quota holder between the indemnification period of 1998 and 2004.
- **Virginia resident** is defined as a person who has lived in Virginia for the last 12 months and has no ties with any other state including driver’s license, tax returns, voter registration, or auto registration.

Application Process

- Applicants must complete the Southwest Virginia Community College tobacco scholarship application.
- The SWCC Financial Aid Process must be completed before a student is qualified to receive the Tobacco Scholarship. The Tobacco Scholarship will fill in the financial aid gaps for students who receive financial aid that is less than the cost of their tuition and fees, or who do not qualify for any financial aid (this is a gap program for **tuition only**).
- Applicants may apply for Financial Aid online at www.fafsa.gov. When filing out this application be sure to list SWCC’s school code (**#007260**).

Documentation

- Applicants must provide proof of eligibility by submitting a copy of the 156EZ or MQ24 form which can be obtained from your Local Farm Service Agency.

- **All tobacco scholarship awards are contingent upon availability of funds.**

Local Farm Agencies

Washington County: (276)-628-8186

Smyth County: (276)-628-8187

Russell/Wise/Dickenson County: (276)-889-4650

For all other counties, please call (804)-287-1500

For Additional Information Contact:

Southwest Virginia Community College

Financial Aid, Tazewell Hall 1041

(276)-964-7724

Application for 2017-2018 Virginia Tobacco Settlement Program

The purpose of the Southwest Virginia Community College Tobacco Scholarship Program is to provide tuition assistance to certain persons who are now or were formerly associated with the tobacco industry. This scholarship program is designed as a "last dollar" program after all other tuition assistance has been exhausted. Recipients must be in an approved program leading to a degree or certificate and priority will be given to full time students. To be eligible a student must be a former tobacco quota owner, a former tobacco producer, a former tobacco grower or a family member of the previously mentioned categories. Student must complete the required scholarship application and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), prior to being considered for tobacco funds.

1. Priority will be given to students full time (12-14 credits)
2. Funds will pay tuition only. No books or supplies will be covered.
3. Students need to be working towards a degree or certificate to be eligible.
4. Awards will be made on the condition of availability of funds.
5. You must complete the FAFSA prior to being considered.

Name _____ Tobacco Farm Location (County) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Social Security Number _____ Birthdate _____ Telephone _____

Please check and complete each of the following categories that apply to you:

I am a Virginia resident and former tobacco quota owner or family member.

I am a Virginia resident and former tobacco producer or family member.

I am a Virginia resident and former tobacco grower or family member.

If you are a family member or worker, list the name and address of the producer or quota owner.

Name _____ Tobacco Farm Location (County) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone _____

Student's Relationship to quota owner/producer (check one): Self Spouse

Child Grandchild Son/Daughter In-Law

Number of family members in your household: _____

Number of household members planning to attend any College in 2017-2018 academic year at least ½ time. _____

I currently plan to enroll: (circle all that apply) _____ Summer 2017 _____ Fall 2017 _____ Spring 2018

I am interested in the following program(s): _____

I have applied for federal financial aid at SWCC _____

I plan to apply for federal financial aid _____

I certify that I am currently a Virginia resident meeting all eligibility requirements stated above and that the above information is true and subject to verification. I understand that I will be required to repay any funds disbursed to me if it is later determined that I have provided incorrect information.

Applicant Signature

Date

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Tobacco quota owner/producer is defined as a Virginia resident who is listed by the local FSA Office or who can provide documentation of quota owner/producer activity at any time since 1998.

Tobacco grower is defined as an individual who has grown tobacco for a former tobacco quota owner or producer.

Virginia resident is defined as a person who has lived in Virginia for the last twelve months and has no ties with any other state including driver's license, state tax returns, voter registration, or auto registration.

If you have not applied for Federal Financial Aid, please bring proof of the income information listed below to the Financial Aid Office for assistance with the application process.

	<u>Student & Spouse</u>	<u>Parent (if dependent)</u>
2015 Adjusted Gross Income from Federal Income Tax Return (if filed):	\$ _____	\$ _____
Social Security Benefits received in 2015:	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other Untaxed Income in 2015:	\$ _____	\$ _____
Child Support Received in 2015:	\$ _____	\$ _____
Married?	Yes or No	Yes or No

Please complete the following and return to: Financial Aid, Southwest Virginia Community College, P.O. Box SVCC, RICHLANDS, VA 24641, Phone (276) 964-7724. If you have not received written notification of your tobacco settlement funds within 14 days after submitting this application, please contact our office.

It will be necessary for you to complete an Application for Admission to SWCC if you have not previously applied or have not taken classes at SVCC in the past twelve months.