

# You *can* achieve your dreams

## The Virginia Tech Presidential Scholarship Initiative

The Virginia Tech Presidential Scholarship Initiative (VTPSI) is a competitive scholarship program designed to bolster the reality of post-secondary educational opportunities for high school students with significant financial need in the Commonwealth. The program will recognize, target, and reward academically talented students who have shown persistence and a commitment to academic excellence.

Through the Virginia Tech Presidential Scholarship Initiative, a maximum of 50 Virginia residents per year will be awarded renewable, four-year scholarships and will be welcomed into a comprehensive academic and social support community.

The Virginia Tech Presidential Scholarship Initiative is just one of the financial aid programs available for eligible students. We encourage you to visit [http://www.finaid.vt.edu/types\\_of\\_aid/](http://www.finaid.vt.edu/types_of_aid/) for additional information on grants, scholarships, and other types of financial support.

Potentially eligible students will automatically be considered for the VTPSI. Selection will be based on a formula that takes into account the students' Federal Pell Grant eligibility, strength of academic record and test scores, first-generation status, and family size. The 50 highest-ranking candidates will be selected for the scholarship and notified around April 1, 2009.

### To be eligible for a VT Presidential Scholar, a candidate must:

- Be a Virginia resident for in-state tuition purposes
- Graduate from a high school within the Commonwealth
- Be Pell-eligible with significant financial need
- Demonstrate potential for stellar academic performance
- Show evidence of leadership potential
- Submit the FAFSA application and supporting materials by March 11, 2009. Students should visit the VT University Scholarships and Financial Aid Office website at <http://www.finaid.vt.edu> for more information about the FAFSA.

**\*Preference will be given to students from first-generation families.**

### Students selected as VT Presidential Scholars will be provided:

- Renewable, four-year financial packages for tuition, fees, room, and board
- Structured, well-established academic support and enrichment
- Designated student orientation
- Social and community-building activities
- Faculty and student mentoring

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