

As a SOAR Virginia scholar, I can expect:

-  Advising on academic preparation for post-secondary education
-  Financial literacy training
-  Assistance completing college applications
-  Assistance obtaining financial aid, including help completing the FAFSA
-  Scholarship support of up to \$2,000 to apply toward post-secondary education
-  Support from an early commitment advisor and the SOAR Virginia community
-  Recognition as a SOAR Virginia scholar



The SOAR Virginia Pledge

I PLEDGE THAT...

-  I will maintain a minimum cumulative GPA* of 2.5.
-  I will meet with my early commitment advisor regularly.
-  I will complete financial literacy training during high school.
-  I will behave in a manner consistent with my school's Code of Student Conduct.
-  I will attend school regularly without unexcused absences.
-  I will participate in community service activities.
-  I will complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) during my senior year.
-  I will apply to an eligible educational institution, including a 2- or 4-year college or university or technical school.

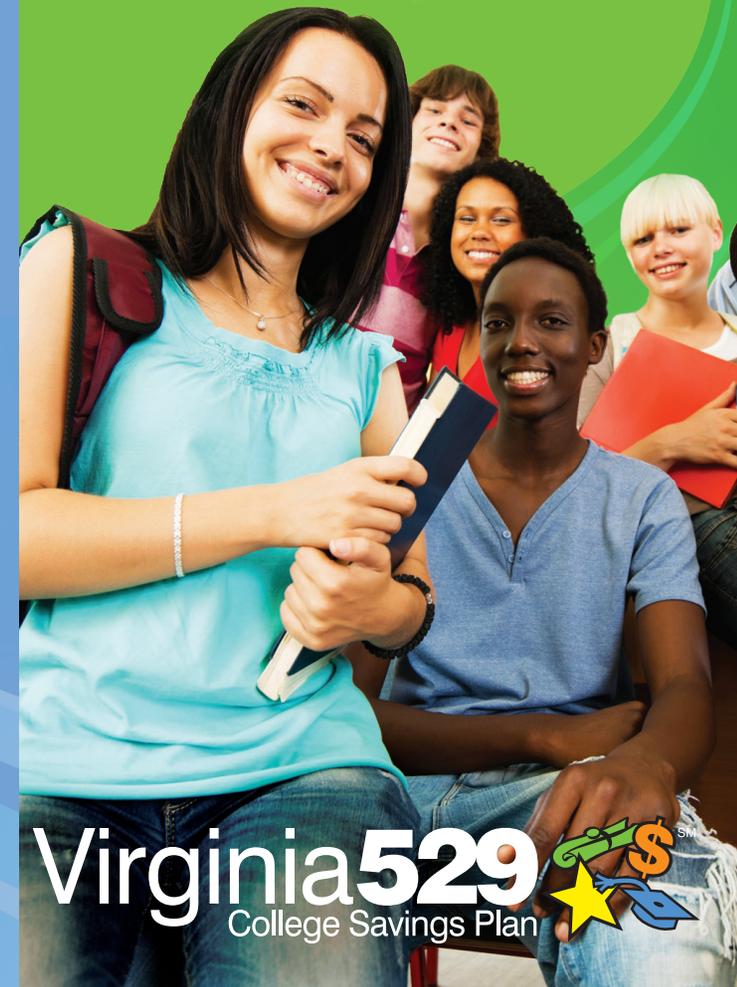
* or comparable academic achievement as determined by SOAR Virginia

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Up to \$2,000 for College

SOAR Virginia[®] is an early commitment scholarship program sponsored by the Virginia529 College Savings PlanSM and offered in partnership with college access providers.



Virginia529 College Savings Plan 

How SOAR Virginia Works

1. Students join SOAR Virginia in the 10th grade and work with an early commitment advisor during 10th, 11th and 12th grades*.
2. For 10th and 11th grades, scholars will be awarded \$500 in a Virginia529 inVESTSM account (inVESTSM) 529 account. For 12th grade, scholars will be awarded \$1,000 in an inVEST account.
3. Upon request by the student, funds are distributed directly to the higher education institution to pay for tuition and fees.

* Highland High School students may begin in the 9th grade. Award amounts for 9th and 10th grades are \$250 for students beginning in 9th grade.

Interested?

Consider becoming a SOAR Virginia Scholar

To enroll in SOAR Virginia, students must meet eligibility requirements including:

1. Be a U.S. citizen or legal U.S. resident
2. Be a Virginia resident and a student in grades 10–12, enrolled in a participating Virginia high school
3. Agree to comply with the SOAR Virginia pledge, including the minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher at the time of enrollment
4. Qualify to participate in the National School Lunch Program

If you are interested in becoming a SOAR Virginia Scholar and you attend a participating SOAR Virginia School, please see your school's counseling department for more details. Otherwise, please visit Virginia529.com/SOAR for more information.

Your Next Steps

1. Confirm eligibility – contact your school counselor for details
2. Talk to your parent or guardian about participating in SOAR Virginia
3. Discuss SOAR Virginia with the early commitment advisor at your school
4. Read and understand the SOAR Virginia pledge. The pledge is an important part of your participation as you agree to work hard in high school to prepare for your post-secondary goals
5. Complete and return the SOAR Virginia Enrollment Form and have your parent/guardian give consent for your participation in the program by signing the form where indicated

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