

“Our company is honored to be the inaugural investor in this Fellows scholarship program. It complements our current employee scholarship program and provides a likely pipeline for future employees.”

- Michael A. Smith
Vice President
Valley Proteins, Inc.
VFCCE Treasurer



The Valley Proteins Fellows Program goes beyond financial aid. Fellows will:

- Serve as an ambassador of Virginia’s Community Colleges and be a mentor to other VCCS students and scholars in the program
- Receive \$5,000 for tuition, books, fees, and expenses appropriate to program participation
- Receive a summer stipend of \$3,000 to support a work internship or community service project
- Meet with successful business and government leaders from across the commonwealth and share in unique educational and real-world experiences
- Develop a network of like-minded, focused individuals who can inspire each other to pursue their educational and career goals
- Participate in a special leadership summit at the conclusion of the program



Minimum Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for consideration for a scholarship award, a student must meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled currently at one of Virginia’s Community Colleges, on full-time status, with first year completed by the end of spring semester
- Be nominated by a faculty member and endorsed by the president of the college
- Demonstrate a commitment to complete an associate’s degree and transfer to a Virginia public college or university
- Have unmet financial need as determined by an application that includes student and family income and student and family contributions to tuition, books and fees
- Demonstrate evidence of academic excellence, ambition and personal integrity
- Demonstrate evidence of community service or faith-based endeavors
- Complete a personal interview with a Foundation designee if selected as a top candidate

Application Process

Completed applications will be due on April 2, 2012. Awards will be announced in June. The application includes:

- An application questionnaire, to include a statement of the student’s academic plan through the baccalaureate level
- Official copy of student’s academic transcript
- Recommendation from a faculty member, endorsed by the college president
- Evidence of community service or faith-based endeavors
- A statement of preference for the summer internship/service requirement
- A statement of plans for meeting the 40-hour per semester community service requirement
- A statement of how the student will both benefit from and contribute to the Fellows Program
- A personal interview as arranged by the scholarship committee
- A copy of the Student Aid Report (results of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA))

Requirements for Scholarship Recipients

Recipients of the award must meet the following requirements:

- Maintain a 3.5 GPA
- Provide proof of 40 hours of community service, acceptable to the scholarship committee, for each semester
- Participate in academic and transfer planning advising through college resources and the Virginia Education Wizard
- Provide financial, academic or other information requested by the Foundation to ensure the integrity of the program
- Participate in the program’s research and evaluation



“The Virginia Foundation for Community College Education is dedicated to expanding opportunities by leveraging partnerships. This program is a great example of the synergy that comes from joining together employers that are vested in the quality of tomorrow’s Virginia workforce and the community colleges that elevate it every day.”

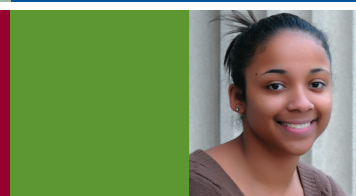
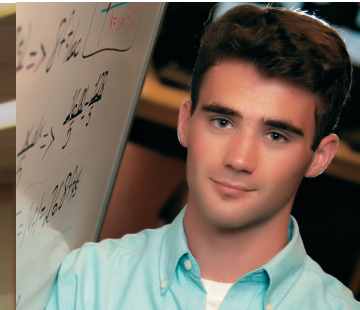
- Glenn DuBois
Chancellor

Since 2006, the Virginia Foundation for Community College Education (VFCCE) has helped students pursue their academic and career goals by awarding community college scholarships to students across the commonwealth.

VFCCE’s newest scholarship program, the Valley Proteins Fellows, is for second-year students attending Virginia’s Community Colleges. In addition to full tuition and fees, the Fellows participate in a unique leadership curriculum and receive individualized assistance in obtaining financial aid and transferring to four-year institutions. These promising students hone their leadership abilities, build community and develop a strong foundation for future success.

Who are the Fellows? Simply put, they exemplify the best and most motivated students. Each year, ten students are accepted into the Fellows Program. These students have a wide variety of abilities and aspirations. They have demonstrated academic and leadership potential, along with a strong desire to excel.

The Valley Proteins Fellows Program was created to celebrate and enhance the leadership capacity of students who have demonstrated great potential. These scholars will learn leadership skills that can be used now and in the future to effect personal and community change.



About Valley Proteins

Valley Proteins has been in the rendering business for more than 50 years and currently operates 12 plants in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas. Its processing facilities recycle various food waste materials into usable products for feed and industrial applications. The family-owned company processes approximately 80 million pounds per week and 8% of the total U.S. supply, and provides service to more than 40,000 meat and poultry processing plants, supermarkets, restaurants and farmers located in 17 states. The management is committed to outstanding corporate citizenship, excellent customer service, technological innovation and support for the community college mission.



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Application Information

For more information and/or an application, please visit www.vccs.edu/foundation/scholarships, or contact Anne McCaffrey, Director of Development and Scholarships, at amccaffrey@vccs.edu, or call (804) 819-5396.



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