

The **Community College Scholarship Match Program** will encourage private investment in scholarships awarded to students studying science, teaching, technology, engineering, math or nursing by matching those investments, on a dollar for dollar basis with money from Virginia's general fund up to \$5 million.

Elected leaders from both political parties and from all layers of government say producing more graduates is critical to our future success. The **Community College Scholarship Match Program** is an effective tool in securing private investment in that goal, while enhancing the access and affordability Virginia families need for their children to pursue and complete a college education.

The challenges of today's economy are pushing philanthropic organizations and individuals to closely scrutinize how they are allocating resources. In adopting the **Community College Scholarship Match Program**, Virginia would send an important message about the priority being placed on increasing the number of Virginia college graduates along with a commitment to maximize the effectiveness of those private resources.



A public-private
partnership

Address Virginia's
critical needs

A bold commitment
in uncertain times



“Even in these rough economic times, responsible private employers are willing to step forward and make smart investments in the people they will rely upon tomorrow. The Community College Scholarship Match Program would be a terrific way to ensure that Virginia companies are opening the right doors of opportunity, and they are not alone in their efforts.”

Margaret G. Lewis
President
HCA Capital Division

“When a person becomes a college graduate, everyone wins. Without exception, a graduate is better equipped to provide for self and for family. A graduate’s employer gains a more versatile and highly-skilled employee; and certainly, the graduate’s community gains a more productive and engaged citizen. The Community College Scholarship Match Program is an undeniable catalyst in building this ‘win-win’ partnership that pays dividends to Virginia both now and in the years to come.”

Julien G. Patterson
Chairman, The Virginia Foundation
for Community College Education

Chairman, OMNIPLEX World
Services Corporation

“Today’s students will not earn tomorrow’s top jobs without the skills and knowledge earned through a college education. The percentage of Virginians completing a college education, however, has remained the same for decades. The Community College Scholarship Match Program is a needed and overdue public/private partnership to confront that looming challenge.”

Danny Hunley
Vice President, Operations
Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding

Spur private investment in Virginia’s economic recovery

The recession has stripped 80,000 jobs from Virginia. Many of those unemployed people are coming to Virginia’s Community Colleges, where enrollment has increased more than 21,000 in just two years.

The **Community College Scholarship Match Program** will attract private investment in the education and training of Virginia’s workforce.