Vermont grant application 2017–2018

for the academic year 2017–2018

How to apply

1. Submit the Vermont grant application online at www.vsac.org after October 1, 2016,
   OR
   complete the attached Vermont grant application and return it to VSAC.
   • Applications are considered on a first-come, first-served basis as long as funding is available.
   • You will be considered for a Vermont Incentive Grant if you are enrolled as a full-time student (at least 12 credits per semester) during the 2017–2018 academic year.
   • You will be considered for a Vermont Part-time Grant if you are enrolled as a part-time student (less than 12 credits per semester) during the 2017–2018 academic year.

2. Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov after October 1, 2016,
   OR
   request a paper version of the FAFSA from the Federal Student Aid Information Center; call toll-free 800-433-3243.

Who is eligible

You must…

• be a Vermont resident
• be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
• be enrolled in or be enrolling in an undergraduate program leading to a degree, diploma, or certificate
• have financial need as determined by the VSAC Grant Program
• be maintaining satisfactory academic progress
• be attending an eligible institution
• not have received the equivalent of 10 semesters of Vermont grants unless you are enrolled in the UVM College of Medicine or any accredited doctor of veterinary medicine program
• not have received your bachelor’s degree UNLESS you are enrolled in the UVM College of Medicine or any accredited doctor of veterinary medicine program
• not be in default on any federal or state student loan and not owe a refund to any federal or state grant or scholarship program

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PO Box 2000
Winooski, VT 05404-2601
Toll-free 800-882-4166
Burlington area 654-3750
TDD 800-281-3341
TDD Burlington area 654-3766

E-mail: info@vsac.org
Online: www.vsac.org
INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

Be sure to answer all questions on the application. Unanswered questions may result in this form being returned to you or requests for additional information. If a question does not apply, enter “N/A” (not applicable). The following information and instructions will help you answer the questions.

Section A: Demographic Information

4. Vermont counties

- Addison
- Bennington
- Caledonia
- Chittenden
- Essex
- Franklin
- Grand Isle
- Lamoille
- Orange
- Orleans
- Rutland
- Washington
- Windham
- Windsor

Section B: Definitions of Terms

VAST/early college: Take your high school senior year and your first year in college simultaneously. The VAST program is offered at Vermont Technical College; early college programs are offered at various Vermont colleges.

Regional Student Program (RSP) Tuition Break: The New England Board of Higher Education provides Vermont residents with a discount on out-of-state tuition when they enroll in approved degree programs at PUBLIC state colleges and universities in other New England states. Vermont residents are eligible for tuition discounts on these degree programs if the programs are not offered at any Vermont state college or university.

Section C: Financial Information

17a. If you own a home, write in how much the home is worth. Use the price you could reasonably expect to receive for your home if it were sold today. Do not use assessed, insured, or tax value. A “home” includes a house, mobile home, condominium, etc. Renters write in “0.”

Then write in how much is owed on the home, including present mortgage and related debts on the home. Do not include interest due. Check with the mortgage company if you are not sure of the amount.

17b. If you own a farm, write in today's value. Include the value of land, buildings, machinery, equipment, livestock, inventories, etc. Do not include the home if it is part of the farm.

Then write in what you owe on the farm. Include the present mortgage and related debts for which the farm was used as collateral. If you are not the sole owner, write in only your share of the total value and debt.

17c. If you own a business, write in today's value. Include the value of land, buildings, machinery, equipment, inventory, etc.

Then write in what you owe on the business. Include the present mortgage and related debts for which the business was used as collateral. If you are not the sole owner, write in only your share of the total value and debt.

Section D: Signatures

- The applicant must sign this application.
- If the applicant is married, the spouse must also sign this application.
- If you answered the questions in Section C as they pertained to your parents, at least one parent must also sign this application.
SECTION A
1. Applicant’s Social Security number
2. Last Applicant’s name First Mid. Init.
3. Gender ☐ M ☐ F
4. County of residence
5. Applicant’s permanent mailing address Number and street
   City State ZIP code
6. Telephone number Area code
7. Date of birth Month Day Year
8. Name of high school from which you have graduated or will graduate:

9. Applicant’s e-mail address

10. Are you a Vermont resident? ☐ Yes, I have lived in Vermont since ___ / ___ / ___ ☐ No

11. Will you receive your first bachelor’s degree from any college or university by June 2017 OR will you be enrolled in a graduate program during 2017–2018? ☐ Yes ☐ No
   If yes, what program of study will you be enrolled in for 2017–2018?
   ☐ UVM College of Medicine ☐ Doctor of veterinary medicine ☐ Other

12. Check your anticipated enrollment status for the 2017–2018 academic year:
   ☐ Full time ☐ Part time

13. Your year in college or other education beyond high school during 2017–2018 (check only one box):
   ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior ☐ Graduate ☐ Other

SECTION B: For the 2017–2018 school year (see instructions for definitions of terms)

14. Will you be enrolled in either VAST or an early college program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

15. Will you be receiving a tuition discount through the RSP Tuition Break program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

SECTION C: Financial Information

If you (the applicant) answer “Yes” to any of the following questions, complete questions 16 and 17 with your financial information.
If you answer “No” to all of the following questions, complete questions 16 and 17 with your parent(s)’ financial information.

☐ Were you (the applicant) born before January 1, 1994?
☐ As of today, are you married? (Answer “yes” if you are separated, but not divorced.)
☐ At the beginning of the 2017–2018 school year, will you be working on a master’s or doctorate program (such as an MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, or graduate certificate, etc.)?
☐ Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces, or are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training?
☐ Do you now, or will you have, children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2017, and June 30, 2018?
☐ Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2018?
☐ At any time since you turned 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a dependent/ward of the court?
☐ Are you, or were you, an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?
☐ Are you, or were you, in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?
☐ At any time on or after July 1, 2016, were you determined by the following to be an unaccompanied homeless youth: your high school or school district homeless liaison, the director of an emergency shelter program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, or the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program?
SECTION C: Financial Information, continued

If you (the applicant) answered “Yes” to any of the Section C questions on the previous page, then complete questions 16 and 17 with your financial information. Otherwise, complete questions 16 and 17 with your parent(s)’ financial information.

16. What is your or your parent(s)’ (if dependent) current status?
   - Married/Remarried  □
   - Single  □
   - Divorced/Separated  □
   - Widowed  □
   - Civil union  □
   - Unmarried, living together  □

17. If you own any of the following assets, list the current value and debt of the asset.
   Report the value and debt here even if it was reported on the FAFSA.
   Please refer to the instructions to determine exactly what to report.

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<tr>
<td>b. farm</td>
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<tr>
<td>c. business</td>
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18. I have applied for a dependency override through the financial aid office at my college.  □ Yes  □ No

SECTION D

The undersigned applicant and parent(s) certify under penalty of perjury that the information contained on this form, the financial need analysis form, or any other submission in connection with this application for a Vermont Incentive Grant or Part-time Grant, is truthful, correct, and complete to the best of their knowledge.

We hereby authorize Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC) to obtain from the appropriate authorities copies of our U.S. and Vermont State tax returns, or any information contained in such returns or other forms that they may deem necessary.

We understand that the information will be held in strict confidence, except that VSAC may share and exchange any information provided to VSAC related to need analysis, income, assets, tax forms, residency, financial aid awards (grants, scholarships, loans, work-study, etc.), and enrollment status with educational institutions, colleges, universities, scholarship providers, and with any individual or group of individuals considering the student for financial assistance in or outside of Vermont, with the applicant, or pursuant to court order or proper legal process.

Also, we agree to promptly refund and repay to VSAC any or all funds awarded to the applicant that VSAC determines to have been based upon incorrect or incomplete information supplied on this application, tax forms, need analysis statements, or other required forms.

REMINDER: BE SURE YOU HAVE ANSWERED EVERY QUESTION.
If applicant is married, spouse signature and Social Security number must be provided.

APPLICANT’S SIGNATURE ___________________________ DATE SIGNED ________________

SPOUSE ___________________________ SPOUSE’S SIGNATURE ___________________________ SPOUSE’S SOCIAL SECURITY NO. ____________

IF APPLICANT PROVIDED PARENT INFORMATION IN SECTION C, AT LEAST ONE PARENT MUST SIGN.

PARENT 1 ___________________________ PARENT 1 SIGNATURE ___________________________ PARENT 1 SOCIAL SECURITY NO. ____________

PARENT 2 ___________________________ PARENT 2 SIGNATURE ___________________________ PARENT 2 SOCIAL SECURITY NO. ____________

PARENT E-MAIL ADDRESS ___________________________

If you or your family have special circumstances that may affect your need for student financial aid, please attach a letter to your application, explaining these special circumstances.

Privacy Act Notice to Applicants

Section 7(b) of the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 522a) requires that when any federal, state, or local government agency requests an individual to disclose his or her Social Security number, that individual must also be advised whether that disclosure is mandatory or voluntary, by what statutory or other authority the number is requested, and what uses will be made of it. Accordingly, Incentive Grant and Part-time Grant applicants are advised that disclosure of their Social Security numbers is and has been a requirement and a condition for applying for an Incentive Grant since 1966.

VSAC will use an applicant’s Social Security number to identify the applicant, to insure that the information concerning the applicant is properly recorded and filed, to certify attendance and status at college, and to identify the applicant/student for making accurate grant award payments.

Section 7(a)(2) of the Privacy Act provides that an agency may continue to require the disclosure of an individual’s Social Security number where the agency required this disclosure under statute or regulations prior to January 1, 1975, in order to verify the identity of the individual. Since 1966, applicants have been required to provide Social Security numbers and all subsequent application forms have required applicants to submit their Social Security numbers. On November 1, 1974, the Board of Directors of VSAC adopted a policy that authorizes the Grant/Scholarship program to withdraw an application from consideration for failure to provide required information.

In addition, based upon the same authority, VSAC also requires parents’ Social Security numbers on the grant application. The parents’ Social Security numbers will be used by VSAC to verify parents’ income with the Vermont Department of Taxes as required in 16 V.S.A. 2843(b) and to obtain copies of U.S. income tax returns as authorized by the parents’ signature on the Vermont Incentive Grant and Part-time Grant applications.

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