



# Admissions and Financing

The VMI education represents an uncommon value, one that continues to be acknowledged by observers in higher education. VMI ranks among the top colleges in the nation in *U.S. News & World Report* and in *Money* magazine. You may also schedule a visit to VMI – or ask questions about the application process – by calling the Admissions Office at 800-767-4207 or 540-464-7211.

## Important Dates

### **2020-2021 Open House Dates**

### **Merit Scholarship deadline**

1 February 2021

# Instructions for applicants

## MAKING APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

VMI seeks to admit young men and women who aspire to both an academic degree and a military commission as the hallmarks of a complete VMI education. Applicants are normally not less than sixteen (16) or more than twenty-two (22) years of age at matriculation and may not be married and/or the parent of a child. An age waiver may be granted for an applicant who has served on active duty in the armed forces, or if other circumstances dictate a waiver of the age policy.

We conduct a holistic review of each application when determining eligibility for admission and consider many factors in the admissions decision process. In addition to evaluating the traditional measures of academic success, other important factors, such as character, motivation, service and physical fitness are viewed as being very important. Applicants are encouraged to submit any information they consider beneficial for our admissions staff to know when conducting the application review.

Please read carefully the following instructions. Answer all questions concisely and carefully.

### To apply for admission to VMI:

- Complete the application.
- Submit the \$40 application fee payable to VMI. We honor the ACT, College Board and/or NACAC fee waiver requests for students who meet the criteria.
- Have your guidance counselor complete the Secondary School Report, attach an official transcript, and mail to VMI with your application.
- Guidance Counselor/School Administrator recommendation form (*Counselor or school official recommendation is mandatory.*)
- Complete the Virginia In-State Tuition Form if you are an applicant who claims legal domicile in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- Transfer students must complete the College Report form
- For the 2020-21 application cycle, VMI will be Test Optional, meaning candidates do not have to submit either an SAT or ACT score. The absence of test scores will not be viewed as a negative in the application review process. However, candidates who do wish to submit a score should use the SAT code 5858 and/or ACT code 4418.
- Applicants whose first language is not English must also take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). High school guidance counselors should be consulted for information. Outside the United States, American embassies, consulates, offices of the U.S. Information Service, or other educational agencies can provide information. If information is not locally available, foreign applicants should write to TOEFL, Educational Testing Service, Princeton, NJ 08540

You may apply online by accessing the VMI home page at [www.vmi.edu](http://www.vmi.edu).

**Personal interviews (optional)**—Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact a VMI alumnus and request a personal interview. Refer to the Alumni Resources Web page at <http://www.vmi.edu/admissions-and-aid/talk-to-us/speak-with-an-alumnus/> to locate an alumnus in your area. Many

alumni have offered to serve as points of contact and sources of information to applicants and prospective cadets. If you need additional assistance locating an alumnus in your area, please contact the Office of Admissions.

**Personal statement (optional)**—Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit a statement indicating why you are interested in VMI and how our educational system can help you achieve your personal and educational goals.

## SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

- Receipt of your application initiates your file. If you do not receive an acknowledgement within one month of submission, please write or call 800/767-4207.
- Your midterm grades should be sent to us by February 1, or as soon as available.
- Early decision deadline is November 15, and these decisions will be mailed no later than December 15. Regular decision deadline is February 1. Applications will be accepted on a space-available basis after February 1. Applicants deferred from early decision and regular decision applicants will be notified on a rolling basis.
- All scholarship or walk-on athletes are required to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center for determining eligibility. Obtain a Student Release Form from your counselor.

## HOW APPLICATIONS ARE PROCESSED

**Decisions**—Applicants meeting the November 15 deadline for early decision will be notified no later than December 15. Beginning January 1, on a rolling basis, decisions will be made on all applications for regular decision and those applicants deferred from early decision. A waiting list may be necessary. Additionally, due to the physical rigors of VMI, applicants may be evaluated based upon their height and weight. Please refer to the Prepare section of the Admissions home page for the Fitness Standards (height/weight chart) and further information.

**Reservations**—Accepted applicants will be sent conditional appointments pending establishment of a reservation. A reservation requires submission of a satisfactory medical report, a signed acceptance of the appointment, and payment of a \$300 advance deposit. Conditionally appointed applicants must also maintain satisfactory academic and disciplinary/criminal conduct. The advance deposit is deducted from the total charges for the first year of enrollment. It is refundable if requested in writing before May 1, or if the applicant is physically disqualified. Medical approval is based on stringent guidelines that insure all new cadets can succeed with the rigors of VMI. Department of Defense Instruction (DoD Directive 6130.03) is used as a baseline but not strictly followed in every respect. [Links to this document can be found on the VMI Web site ([www.vmi.edu](http://www.vmi.edu)) Admissions home page under *Apply Online*.] For more information, please contact the VMI physician at 540/464-7218. *Note:* In accordance with the VMI Marriage and Parenthood Policy, any cadet who marries or incurs the responsibilities of parenthood is expected to resign from the Corps. Upon matriculation, and upon return to VMI each fall, all cadets shall confirm their knowledge and understanding of this policy.”

# Financial information

## TUITION AND FEES

### 2020-2021 SESSION

Tuition and Fees	In-State	Out-of-State	International
Tuition	\$ 9,562	\$35,572	\$37,572
Room	3,012	3,012	3,012
Board	7,048	7,048	7,048
<b>Auxiliary Fees</b>			
Athletic	3,650	3,650	3,650
Medical	528	528	528
Cadet Facilities/Activities	2,362	2,362	2,362
<b>Quartermaster Charges</b>			
Laundry/Pressing	430	430	430
Haircuts	296	296	296
Uniforms/UMA Activities	2,382	2,382	2,382
Health Insurance			
<i>International Cadets only</i>			1,000
Security Deposit			
<i>(new and re-admits only)</i>	200	200	200
<b>Total (new and re-admits)</b>	<b>\$29,470</b>	<b>\$57,480</b>	<b>\$58,480</b>

The **Quartermaster Charge** covers haircuts and the issuing, tailoring, laundering, and pressing of uniforms. Cadet uniforms are state property and must be returned to the Institute.

The **Security Deposit** covers damages and/or loss of Institute property and unpaid obligations to VMI. VMI returns (without interest) this deposit, less any deductions for damages or unpaid obligations, upon the graduation of the cadet or the termination of the cadetship. This deposit is not the same as the Reservation Fee.

**Health Insurance** is required for all international cadets. Please contact the Office of International Programs for specific health coverage information. Amount included is an estimate for the 2018-2019 academic year.

### Payment Schedule

	In-State	Out-of-State	International
Reservation fee due May 1	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$300.00
On or before August 1	14,635.00	28,640.00	29,640.00
On or before December 15	14,635.00	28,640.00	28,640.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$29,270.00</b>	<b>\$57,280.00</b>	<b>\$58,280.00</b>

A late fee of \$100 or 10 percent of the unpaid balance, whichever is less, will be assessed for failure to pay tuition and fees as required.

## PAYMENT PLAN

Virginia Military Institute partners with Nelnet Campus Commerce to let you pay your tuition and fees over time, making college more affordable. There's no interest, payment options are flexible, setup fees are affordable and it's easy to enroll using <https://mycollegepaymentplan.com/VMI/>.

## OTHER COSTS

Payable by the cadet include textbooks, supplies, automobile registration, and non-issue clothing. The cadet must pay for such items with cash, check, or bank credit card at the time of purchase. Cadets may be dismissed from the Institute for failure to pay tuition and fees or any other financial obligation to the Institute as required. In addition, the Institute reserves the right to hold grades, credits, transcripts and diplomas until all obligations to the Institute are satisfied. Cadets must satisfy all financial obligations to the Institute for the past semesters or terms before they will be allowed to register for any succeeding semester or term.

## FINANCIAL AID

The VMI financial aid program provides monetary assistance to cadets who otherwise would be unable to attend, and to cadets with superior abilities. Need-based awards are based on the cadet's financial need as demonstrated through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Most awards include grants, scholarships, and loans. Applicants for financial aid will be considered for these awards. Sources of aid at VMI include Perkins Loans; Pell Grants; Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants; State Undergraduate Grants; VMI Board of Visitors scholarships; VMI Foundation, Inc., scholarships; merit scholarships; athletic scholarships; and ROTC scholarships.

Cadets may also apply for Stafford Loans, which are available regardless of need. Cadets must apply for financial aid before submitting a Stafford Loan application. Parents may borrow up to the full cost of the education, minus any aid the student is eligible to receive, through the PLUS loan program. VMI participates in the Federal Direct Loan Program.

Normally, payment of financial aid stipends is made in two installments, credited to the cadet's account each semester. Electronic statements, available online to cadets in July and December, will reflect credit for aid awarded. In the event a cadet withdraws before the end of the refund period, financial aid credits will be prorated.

**Cadets must apply for aid each year by submitting the VMI Statement of Educational Purpose and a FAFSA. The FAFSA is completed online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).**

## ROTC SCHOLARSHIPS

Four-year and three-year ROTC scholarships are awarded to selected high school graduates on a national competitive basis. These are normally awarded before matriculation at VMI; however, ROTC scholarships may become available for upperclassmen based upon performance, academic proficiency, and motivation toward a service career. Details are available at each of the ROTC departments at VMI. Application deadlines for these scholarship programs normally fall near the end of the first semester of the senior year in high school.

## STATE CADETSHIPS

State Cadets are residents of Virginia who receive special appointments by the Board of Visitors, as specified in the Code of Virginia. State Cadetships, limited in number, are restricted to *bona fide* residents of Virginia who demonstrate that it would be impossible to attend VMI without this financial assistance. Application forms, furnished by the Financial Aid Officer on request, should be submitted before March 1 of the year in which the applicant wishes to enter VMI.

The State Cadet assumes certain obligations to the Commonwealth of Virginia in return for the financial assistance. The Sections of the Code of Virginia setting forth provisions for and obligations of State Cadetships may be obtained from the Financial Aid Office.

### **INSTITUTE SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

The Institute Scholars Program awards scholarships to outstanding entering cadets with well-above-average high school grade point averages, test scores, and leadership skills. Financial need is not a consideration. These scholarships can meet a large portion of the cost of attending VMI. Scholarships are renewable, subject to annual review. For more information, contact the VMI Office of Admissions at 540/464-7211 or access the VMI home page at [www.vmi.edu](http://www.vmi.edu).

### **HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID**

Applicants interested in financial aid must complete the VMI Statement of Educational Purpose and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Submission of the FAFSA is mandatory. The FAFSA, online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov), must be submitted by March 1. In completing the FAFSA, applicants should list VMI as one of their college choices. VMI's school code is 003753.

In order to receive financial assistance, satisfactory progress and good standing must be maintained. Award decisions are made in March and April; applicants are normally notified in April. For more information, contact the Financial Aid Office at 540/464-7208 or visit our Web site.



# Application for admission 2021-2022

ATTACH  
\$40 APPLICATION FEE  
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1. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
*last first middle Jr., etc. (preferred name)*
2. Address \_\_\_\_\_  
*street city state zip*
3. If Virginia resident, name county \_\_\_\_\_ or city \_\_\_\_\_ of legal domicile.  
*(Complete the Application for Virginia in-state tuition rates form.)*
4. Are you applying for in-state tuition per Section 23.7.4, Code of Virginia?     Yes     No
5. Do you anticipate using Post-9/11 GI Bill® or Montgomery GI Bill® Benefits?     Yes     No
6. If not a Virginia resident, name state \_\_\_\_\_ of legal domicile.
7. Telephone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, and Country of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_
9. Gender Male or Female \_\_\_\_\_
10. E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_
11. Social Security number \_\_\_\_\_ *(Required for students applying for financial aid)*
12. Please fill in your probable choice of major curriculum: 1st Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Choice: \_\_\_\_\_.  
Some academic departments are limited in space; it is possible you may be offered an appointment to your second choice major.  
Applied Mathematics • Biology • Chemistry • Civil Engineering • Computer Science • Economics and Business • Electrical and Computer Engineering  
English • History • International Studies • Mechanical Engineering • Modern Languages • Physics • Psychology
13. Do you plan to pursue a commission?     Yes     No    If yes, what branch? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Are you applying for an ROTC scholarship?     Yes     No
15. Have you attended any college or university since graduating from high school?     Yes     No
16. \_\_\_\_\_ I am applying for early decision (by November 15), and I know if I am accepted I must withdraw other applications and attend VMI.  
\_\_\_\_\_ I am applying for regular decision.    \_\_\_\_\_ I am applying as a transfer student
17. Father's full name \_\_\_\_\_  
Home telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's full name \_\_\_\_\_  
Home telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Please advise if either parent is deceased, or if parents are separated or divorced \_\_\_\_\_  
If not living with both parents, with whom do you make your permanent home? \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name* *Relationship*
18. Give name, class year, and relationship of relatives who have attended VMI \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
19. List all high schools attended and the dates of attendance \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
20. Name of secondary school from which you will graduate or have graduated \_\_\_\_\_  
Year of graduation \_\_\_\_\_

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More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government Web site at <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill>.*

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21. List all colleges attended since graduating from high school and dates of attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

22. Indicate number of years' participation in the following extracurricular activities (grades 9-12):

I. Athletics

\_\_\_\_\_ Baseball      \_\_\_\_\_ Golf      \_\_\_\_\_ Rugby      \_\_\_\_\_ Tennis      \_\_\_\_\_ Water Polo      \_\_\_\_\_ Basketball  
\_\_\_\_\_ Lacrosse      \_\_\_\_\_ Soccer      \_\_\_\_\_ Track      \_\_\_\_\_ Cross-Country      \_\_\_\_\_ Martial Arts      \_\_\_\_\_ Softball  
\_\_\_\_\_ Volleyball      \_\_\_\_\_ Football      \_\_\_\_\_ Rifle      \_\_\_\_\_ Swimming      \_\_\_\_\_ Wrestling

II. Activities/Honors

\_\_\_\_\_ Boys' State      \_\_\_\_\_ Gold Award      \_\_\_\_\_ Officer Club/Activity      \_\_\_\_\_ JROTC/Civil Air Patrol      \_\_\_\_\_ Yearbook  
\_\_\_\_\_ Girls' State      \_\_\_\_\_ National Honor Society      \_\_\_\_\_ Member Student Gov.      \_\_\_\_\_ Band/Instrument      \_\_\_\_\_ Newspaper  
\_\_\_\_\_ Eagle Scout      \_\_\_\_\_ Officer Student Body/Class      \_\_\_\_\_ Captain Athletic Team      \_\_\_\_\_ Chorus

23. List other school/nonschool activities (e.g., church, civic, jobs, clubs) \_\_\_\_\_

24. Have you ever been placed on probation, suspended (including in-school suspensions), dismissed, or are charges pending from any school or college?  Yes  No If yes, please provide a detailed explanation including dates: \_\_\_\_\_

25. Have you ever been arrested for or convicted of any violation of any local, state or federal law other than a minor traffic violation, or are any charges pending against you?  Yes  No  
If yes, please provide a detailed explanation including dates: \_\_\_\_\_

26. Have you ever been arrested, convicted or received adjudication as a juvenile for any violation of any local, state or federal law other than a minor traffic violation, or are any charges pending against you?  Yes  No  
If yes, please provide a detailed explanation including dates: \_\_\_\_\_

27. If you have served in an active or reserve component of the U.S. Armed Forces, give component, rank, dates of service, and type of discharge: \_\_\_\_\_

28. List all subjects you are taking in your senior year \_\_\_\_\_

29. When did you take or will you take the SAT? \_\_\_\_\_ the ACT? \_\_\_\_\_ the TOEFL? \_\_\_\_\_

30. Have you previously applied to VMI?  Yes  No If yes, in what year? \_\_\_\_\_

31. List any other colleges to which you are applying \_\_\_\_\_

32. This question is optional. The information is collected for Title IV and used for statistical purposes only. Your answers will not affect the admissions review process.

ETHNICITY

\_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic or Latinix  
\_\_\_\_\_ Not Hispanic or Latino

RACE (mark all that apply)

\_\_\_\_\_ American/Alaska Native  
\_\_\_\_\_ Asian  
\_\_\_\_\_ Black or African American  
\_\_\_\_\_ Hawaiian/Pacific Islander  
\_\_\_\_\_ White

33. If not a U.S. citizen, what is your country of birth? \_\_\_\_\_

Country of Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_ Native language spoken \_\_\_\_\_

If not a U.S. citizen, but legally residing in the United States, please list the state in which you reside: \_\_\_\_\_

What type of Visa do you hold? \_\_\_\_\_ Is your Visa resident alien  Yes  No

Is your student Visa Non-Work?  Yes  No Are you seeking an F-1 Visa  Yes  No

\* 34. Height \_\_\_\_\_ inches Weight \_\_\_\_\_ pounds (required fields)

35. I certify I have truthfully and accurately answered the foregoing questions to the best of my knowledge, and I understand any false or concealed information will be grounds for rejection of my application or subsequent termination of my cadetship. I also understand that any change in the information included on this application must be reported **immediately** to the VMI Admissions Office.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\* For more information on medical approval, contact the VMI physician at 540/464-7218.