

HISTORY OF VIRGINIACAN

In November 2003, the Educational Credit Management Corporation (ECMC), State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) and Virginia Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (VASFAA) joined forces to host an awareness summit. The purpose of the awareness summit was to bring all of Virginia's college access groups to the table to discuss early awareness initiatives, efforts to overcome barriers to college accessibility and measures of effective college access programs. More than 100 access providers participated in professional development workshops and networking sessions. One outcome of the awareness summit was the expressed desire to create a statewide college access network.

In response to the awareness summit, an organizing committee worked diligently for two years to create the Commonwealth College Access Network (CCAN). On July 20, 2006, CCAN was officially incorporated by the Commonwealth of Virginia. In August 2006, officers were selected by the initial Board of Directors. On December 3, 2006 CCAN officially became known as the Virginia College Access Network (VirginiaCAN).

VirginiaCAN has been designated by the IRS under 501(C)3 of the Internal Revenue Code as a tax exempt organization effective July 20, 2006.

As VirginiaCAN has matured, we have developed strategic and operating plans, policies and procedures and hosted four annual conferences.

2005: Richmond 2006: Charlottesville

2007: Newport News 2008: Staunton

Additionally, VirginiaCAN has initiated "drive in" training designated for specific issues in access, affordability and retention.

The maturation of VirginiaCAN continues with a focus on continuing professional development, helping communities establish access programs and organizations, and efforts in informing and advising legislators, policy makers and regulators, as well as key access supporters.



ABOUT US

The Virginia College Access Network (VirginiaCAN) is an organization that provides leadership and support for Virginia college access organizations. We do this in two ways: first, by providing professional development and networking for the access groups helping students prepare for post high school opportunities in Virginia; and second, by educating key leaders on access and facilitating their support for increased resources to support access groups and the attainment of post high school education and training.

Mission

The mission of the Virginia College Access Network is to support and enhance post high school education access and attainment for residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

FOR INFORMATION
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VIRGINIA'S VOICE FOR ACCESS



The Virginia College Access Network (VirginiaCAN) is a network of the college access providers, dedicated individuals in middle and high schools, colleges and universities, private foundations and non profit organizations, whose mission is to insure that every resident is aware of the opportunities and knows that the perceived obstacles can be overcome and they can realize their dream.



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Indicate Type of Membership (Circle only one)

Individual Membership Categories (Fill out Part A):

Provider

Supporter

Affiliate

Organizational Membership Categories (Fill out Part B):

Partner

Sponsor/Vendor

Part A:

Prefix _____ First Name _____ MI _____
Last Name _____ Suffix _____

Organization: _____

Job Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: __ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Ext: _____

FAX: _____

Part B:

Name of organization _____

Web URL _____

Primary address _____

City: _____ State: __ Zip: _____

Primary contact _____

Primary contact phone _____ Ext: _____

City, zip for any other locations:

Size of organization (number paid staff, volunteers)

REQUESTED INFORMATION:

Annual budget

Source of funds (private fund raising, federal, state, foundation, etc)

List middle schools/high schools directly impacted

List of Activities

Est. Number of students served

VirginiaCAN Membership

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

EACH MEMBER HAS ONE VOTE

Provider – those individuals actively involved in the direct day-to-day provisions of access services (including policy development and implementation) which would include individuals from non-profit access organizations as well as individuals involved in an individual capacity as a free-standing non-profit access provider. Dues are \$25 annually. Staff or members of the following could join as a Provider:

college access program, college access center, school counselor, public or private K-12 school employee, federal TRIO or GEAR UP program or college outreach program.

Supporters – individuals representing either non-profit or for-profit government agencies, colleges, universities, and schools. Also those staff members of non-profit organizations not providing direct access services but provide support or products for access providers. Dues are \$50 annually. Staff or members of following can join as a Supporter:

SCHEV employees, staff or non-profit associations with interest in postsecondary education; admissions or financial aid officers, staff of private non-profit foundations; members of non-profit organizations with active college access interests.

Affiliates – individuals not otherwise eligible under another category and not currently employed by a for-profit organization involved primarily in college-access related activities. Dues are \$10 annually. The category includes:

individuals enrolled at least ½ time as a postsecondary student pursuing a career in access; K-12 students and/or family members; retired individuals who are no longer employed full-time in access related activities.

Partner – those organizations involved in non-profit access services/issues/education. Individual membership in the preceding classes of membership is permitted in addition to organizational membership. Dues and vote based on organization size.

\$100 for organizations with up to 10 person with one vote

\$250 for organizations of 10 – 25 person with three votes

\$500 for organizations with more than 25 person with 5 votes

Sponsors/Vendors – lenders, banks, for-profit organizations that have an interest in college access or provides college access materials/resources/services. Dues are \$500 annually and members in this class will NOT be provided a vote. Membership privileges include participation in professional development activities; access to resources the advisory board may recommend to the corporate board, discount conference registration fee; participation in the VirginiaCAN listserv.

Please mail application and dues to:

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