Frequently Asked Questions for Graduates



- 1. Do I need to complete a Scholarship Request Form each time I request scholarship funds from An Achievable Dream? Yes, you must complete a scholarship request form <u>each and every time</u> you request scholarship funds. The scholarship forms can be retrieved at <u>www.achievabledream.org</u>, click on alumni, and Scholarship Request Form. The procedures for making requests are:
 - Scholarship funds will not be dispersed until FINAL GRADES from the previous semester are submitted. Students must maintain at least a 2.0 GPA to be eligible for scholarship funds.
 - Scholarship funds will not be dispersed until RECEIPTS from the previous disbursement are submitted.
 - If you would like to request scholarship funds for the purchase of a computer, please complete the request form and submit documentation showing the cost of the equipment. AAD will provide a check made payable to the student. After purchase, the student MUST SUBMIT RECEIPTS.
 - For students attending a community college, documentation must be provided that they registered three
 weeks prior to the payment deadline. This policy is to ensure that financial aid is processed by the payment
 deadline.
 - Click the "Submit Form" button in the upper right corner or save the form to your computer then email to scholarships@achievabledream.org.
 - If you have difficulty submitting the form, please contact Hilary Smith at (757) 599-9472 or e-mail her at scholarships@achievabledream.org.
- 2. Where do I send my grades?

Please send your grades from each semester to scholarships@achievabledream.org.

- 3. Once I submit a Scholarship Request Form, who do I contact to see if it has been mailed?

 Please email Hilary Smith at scholarship@achievabledream.org to inquire about the status of your scholarship check.
- 4. Do I need to complete my FAFSA each year that I am attending college?

 Yes, the FASFA must be completed each year by the priority deadline for the college/university that you are currently attending (the priority deadline is normally February 15 or March 15).
- 5. What do I do if I need assistance with my FAFSA?

You can contact your mentor at AAD or the financial aid office at your college/university. AAD will assist you with your FASFA each year but you must remember your FAFSA pin number (you can retrieve your pin number at www.fasfa.edu.gov).

6. How can I receive funding for summer classes?

You can use financial aid to cover tuition for the summer classes. You must add the college/university that you plan to attend for the summer session to your FASFA. Once financial aid has been applied, you can use your available AAD scholarship funds.

7. Should I accept a student loan?

Deciding whether or not to accept a student loan should be a carefully thought out decision. You should meet with your financial aid advisor at the college/university to review your financial package for the entire year, prior to making the decision. Often the college/university considers a subsidized loan as a portion of your financial aid package so if you do not accept the loan you will not have enough funds to cover tuition, room, and board. Note: When at all possible, only accept subsidized loans (subsidized loans do not require payment and do not accrue interest until six months after graduation or you are no longer attending school; unsubsidized loans accrue interest and payment on the loan begins immediately while you are in college). Do not accept loans to receive a refund check! Plan for your future and recognize that you will ultimately have to pay this money back!

- 8. If I attend ODU, VA Tech or NSU, do I need to accept a student loan?
 - It depends on your overall package and whether the college/university includes subsidized loans as part of the financial aid package. Please check with your financial aid advisor prior to making the decision.
- 9. If I attend ODU, VA Tech or NSU do I still need to meet the housing deposit, etc. deadlines?

 Yes, it is up to you to meet all deadlines for the college/university. If you need to utilize your AAD scholarship funds to cover the deposit, you must complete the Scholarship Request Fund two weeks prior to the deadline.
- 10. In addition to tuition and books, what can I use my AAD scholarship funds to purchase? Your scholarship funds can be used to pay housing and tuition deposits, purchase computers, pay rent, and/or pay for matters that directly impact your college education. This will be at the discretion of the Director of Education and COO of An Achievable Dream on a case by case basis. Receipts must be provided.



Partnering with Old Dominion University, Norfolk State University, and Virginia Tech

An Achievable Dream is fortunate to partner with Old Dominion University, Norfolk State University, and Virginia Tech to close the financial gap for any An Achievable Dream student who attends one of these universities! With the rising cost of tuition, financial aid* often does not fully fund tuition, room, and board. Therefore, these three universities have developed scholarship programs to fund the remaining costs that are not covered by financial aid and/or outside scholarships.

Criteria that apply for all three universities:

- Must meet the admission requirements for the university.
- Must complete the FASFA.
- Must be a full-time student.
- The scholarship is not automatically renewable; students must meet eligibility requirements each year (as set by An Achievable Dream and the university).
- · Scholarship funds will vary based on need.
- Subsidized loans may be considered in the financial aid package.
- Scholarship funds are awarded to multiple An Achievable Dream students and will be awarded as long as funds are available. If all of the scholarship funds are used, other financial resources will be required.

Specific to Old Dominion University Scholarship:

- Scholarship funds are awarded to cover tuition (fall and spring); room and board will be a secondary consideration.
- Students must maintain a minimum of a 2.0 grade-point-average.
- Students who attend ODU are still eligible to receive the An Achievable Dream College and Career Scholarship (\$1,000 per semester).



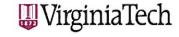


Specific to Norfolk State University Scholarship:

- Students must maintain a minimum of a 2.0 grade-point-average.
- An Achievable Dream College and Career Scholarship (\$1,000 per semester) is a portion
 of the scholarship package and must be paid directly to the University for tuition.

Specific to Virginia Tech Scholarship:

An Achievable Dream College and Career Scholarship (\$1,000 per semester) is a
portion of the scholarship package and must be paid directly to the University for
tuition.



- Students must be Pell Grant Eligible.
- Students must maintain a minimum of a 2.75 grade-point-average.

^{*}Financial aid is financial assistance intended to aid students in reaching their educational goals. This assistance may come in a variety of forms such as grants, scholarships, work-study, and loan programs.