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**Office of Post Secondary Education**

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**Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University**

**Blacksburg, VA**

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We are pleased to inform you that your institution has been designated as an eligible institution under Title III and/or Title V of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (HEA).

This designation allows you to apply for grants within the Titles III and V programs. You must meet the programmatic requirements for the particular program(s) that you wish to apply for in order for your grant application to be reviewed. In order to receive the grant funding, you must be selected in the application process and follow the guidelines for the specific grant.

Institutions that have a grant under Title III parts A or B are prohibited from receiving additional grant awards under any other provision of Title III part A, Title III part B, or Title V. If you have a current Title III or Title V grant that will end during this fiscal year, you may be eligible to apply for additional programs. However, you will not be allowed to accept funds from both a Title III part A or B grant and a Title V grant.

As a result of receiving this designation, your institution is eligible for a waiver of the non-Federal share matching requirements under the Federal Work Study Program (FWS) the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program (FSEOG) and the TRIO Student Support Services Program under Title IV of the HEA. Your institution is also potentially eligible for a waiver of the Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language (UISFL) Program matching requirement, pending a demonstration of your institution's need for such a waiver in your application for new awards under this program.

NOTE: Branch campuses are not eligible for the waiver of the non-Federal share matching requirements. If the main campus is eligible for Titles III and V programs, and they receive the cost-share waiver, the main campus' waiver can be extended to its eligible branch campus.

The eligibility for a waiver of the non-Federal share matching requirements is allowable for a one-year period beginning July 1, 2025. The offices within the Department of Education that administer those specific programs will handle the waiver of the cost sharing and will contact your federal student aid administrator.

Institution provided sufficient information and supporting documentation for the approval of their Needy Student exemption waiver request.

If you have questions concerning this designation, please contact Nemeka Mason-Clerc at [Nemeka.Mason@ed.gov](mailto:Nemeka.Mason@ed.gov) or (202) 987-1340. If you have questions concerning the waiver of the non-Federal share matching requirements for FWS or FSEOG, please contact the Campus-Based Call Center at [CODSupport@ed.gov](mailto:CODSupport@ed.gov) or (800) 848-0978.

Please retain this letter as evidence of your eligibility and for an adequate audit trail. Also, please note this eligibility designation is only for FY25. You must apply for eligibility designation annually.

Sincerely,

James E. Laws, Jr.  
Acting Senior Director for Institutional Service  
Office of Postsecondary Education