

Re: UVA Access questions

From [REDACTED]
To [REDACTED]@virginia.edu>
CC [REDACTED]@virginia.edu>
Date Wednesday, October 14th, 2026 at 8:48 AM

Hello!

I sent these follow up questions on October 6 and then a check in on Monday, still with no reply. Should I infer that UVA is unable to provide the information requested, or something else?

Thank you

On Monday, October 12th, 2026 at 6:17 AM [REDACTED] > wrote:
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I'm looking for totals rather than the eligibility rules. So for 2024-25 and 2025-26:

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On Tuesday, October 6th, 2026 at 10:12 AM [REDACTED]@virginia.edu> wrote:

Good morning -

Thank you for following up, and for your patience. Here's what we have:

1. Were AccessUVA metrics for 2023-24 and 2024-25 prepared for the Board? If so, why have they not been published?
 - a. All public materials prepared for the Board of Visitors, including any applicable AccessUVA metrics, are available online in the annual [Board Basics](#) publication and in the meeting documents linked to each meeting page.
2. How many families earning between \$100,000 and \$150,000 received the Cornerstone Grant in 2024-25 and 2025-26, and at what total cost?
 - a. All Virginian students who completed the financial aid application process on time and met income and asset criteria for the Cornerstone Grant received a minimum of \$2000 in grant funding for the applicable academic year(s). [AccessUVA](#) meets full demonstrated financial need for all qualified students through a combination of federal, state, and institutional scholarships, grants, work-study, and loans. Students whose families earn between \$100,000 and \$150,000 with reportable assets below the \$150,000 threshold frequently receive more than \$2000 in need-based grant and scholarship aid. We recommend using [UVA's MyIntuition Quick College Cost Estimator](#) to project the types and amounts of aid a student may qualify for at UVA.
3. What share of AccessUVA grants has been paid from tuition revenue in each year since 2022-23?

- a. Tuition revenue funds the portion of AccessUVA financial aid packages to meet full need remaining after loans, work-study, and grants and scholarships from federal, state, and institutional sources are applied. Grants funded by tuition revenue are included in the total “Institutional grants and scholarships” reported to the National Center for Education Statistics via the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System ([IPEDS](#)) annually; these data are publicly available.
4. In the 2024-25 Common Data Set, the number of full-time undergraduates determined to have need fell by about 700 from the year before, while applications held steady. What accounts for that, and how many of those students were Virginians?
- a. Two methods of needs analysis are used in calculating financial need: Federal Methodology (FM), using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (or FAFSA); and Institutional Methodology (IM), using the CSS Profile in combination with the FAFSA. Some students who file the FAFSA choose not to file the CSS Profile, resulting in a lower number of students with calculated financial need when using IM only.
- b. In the [2024-25 Common Data Set](#) report, UVA indicated “Institutional Methodology” as the needs analysis method used. This methodology includes students who completed both the CSS Profile and the FAFSA.
- c. In the [2023-24 Common Data Set](#) report, UVA indicated “Both FM and IM” (Federal Methodology and Institutional Methodology) as the needs analysis method used. This count includes students who completed just the FAFSA *or* both the FAFSA and CSS Profile, a broader definition that includes more aid applicants.
- d. This information is not disaggregated by Virginia residency status.
5. Will UVA publish average need-based debt for graduating Virginians and out-of-state students separately, as the AccessUVA exhibit did through 2022-23?
- a. We are not familiar with the exhibit cited and have no predictions to offer on future publications.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 5, 2026 6:50 AM
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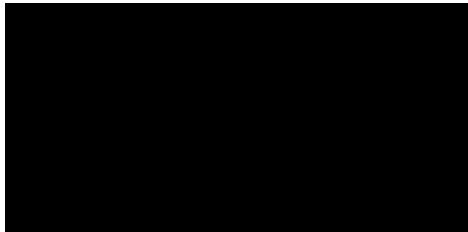
Hello!

Just checking back on the questions I sent you. I haven't heard back?

On Wednesday, September 30th, 2026 at 2:04 PM, [REDACTED]@virginia.edu> wrote:
Hello -

Thank you for your email and follow-up. We're gathering some information to help with your questions and will be back in touch as soon as we can.

Thanks again.



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2026 9:49 AM
To: [REDACTED]@virginia.edu>; [REDACTED]
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Hello,

I sent these questions to you over the weekend and I did not get a response from you -- but I did get an email from UVA FOIA. I am not asking UVA FOIA for this data, because are not FOIA questions. I am asking you. Can you kindly respond:

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On Sunday, September 27th, 2026 at 10:46 PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] wrote:

Hello,

I am trying to understand AccessUVA better but I can't seem to find some data online. Can you help me with these?

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