AS A SOAR VIRGINIA SCHOLAR, I CAN EXPECT:

- Advising on academic preparation for post-secondary education
- Financial literacy training
- Assistance completing college applications
- Assistance obtaining financial aid, including help completing the FAFSA
- Scholarship support of up to $2,000 to apply toward post-secondary education
- Support from an early commitment advisor and the SOAR Virginia community
- Recognition as a SOAR Virginia scholar

THE SOAR VIRGINIA PLEDGE

1. Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA* of 2.5
2. Meet with my early commitment advisor regularly
3. Complete financial literacy training during high school
4. Behave in a manner consistent with my school’s Code of Student Conduct
5. Attend school regularly without unexcused absences
6. Participate in community service activities
7. Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) during my senior year
8. Apply to an eligible educational institution, including a 2- or 4-year college or university or technical school

* or comparable academic achievement as determined by SOAR Virginia
HOW SOAR VIRGINIA WORKS

Students join SOAR Virginia in the 10th grade and work with an early commitment advisor during 10th, 11th and 12th grades*.

For 10th and 11th grades, scholars who meet the pledge requirements will be awarded $500 in an Invest529® account. For 12th grade, scholars who meet the pledge requirements will be awarded $1,000 in an Invest529® account.

Upon request by the student, funds are distributed directly to the higher education institution to pay for tuition and fees.

* Highland High School students may begin in the 9th grade. Award amounts for 9th and 10th grades are $250 for students beginning in 9th grade.

INTERESTED?

To enroll in SOAR Virginia, students must meet eligibility requirements including:

1. Be a U.S. citizen or legal U.S. resident
2. Be a Virginia resident and a student in grades 10–12, enrolled in a participating SOAR Virginia high school
3. Agree to comply with the SOAR Virginia pledge, including the minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher at the time of enrollment
4. Qualify to participate in the National School Lunch Program

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