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**Commonwealth of Virginia  
Virginia Department of Education  
Superintendent's Memo #069-22**

**DATE:** April 1, 2022  
**TO:** Division Superintendents  
**FROM:** Jillian Balow, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
**SUBJECT:** **Jobs for Virginia Graduates Competitive Grant Award Applications for School Year 2022-2023**

The primary mission of the JVG program is to assist high school students who are at risk of dropping out of school or have other barriers to graduation and provides additional support that enable these students to graduate and to secure and retain quality jobs. This year's grant is for \$30,000 and does not require a local match. These funds must be used to expand services in existing JVG programs and to add additional JVG programs in local school divisions based on the Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) national model.

Three programs—the senior-only model, the multiyear model for grades 9-12, and the middle school model for grades 7 and 8—may be offered independently or in combination. School divisions may use the grant funds to employ a job specialist who will work directly with the students who meet the program criteria. New local JVG specialists are required to participate in the annual Jobs for America's Graduates National Training Seminar. The JVG presently serves over 1000 students in 54 sites and 41 school divisions across the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Department of Education serves as fiscal agent for these programs.

School divisions that are interested in submitting a new JVG Competitive Grant Award Application must complete the [online application](#), which must be received no later than

5 p.m. on April 29, 2022. School divisions that are interested in continuing the JVG program must complete the [online application](#) no later than 5 p.m. on April 15, 2022.

### For more information

Inquiries pertaining to the JVG program should be directed to Antonio Rice, JVG President and CEO, at (434) 953-9291 or email at [Antonio.Rice@jobsforvagrads.org](mailto:Antonio.Rice@jobsforvagrads.org).

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