

Public Pupil Transportation Scholarships at Virginia Tech

In 2012, F.W. “Sonny” Merryman, Jr. established an endowment to provide Public Pupil Transportation Scholarships at Virginia Tech. Every year multiple \$2,500 scholarships are awarded to Virginia Tech students who are the child or grandchild of an individual who is a current or retired employee within Virginia’s public pupil transportation community – school bus drivers, technicians, administrative or support staff, etc.

The scholarships are available to both current Virginia Tech students and incoming freshmen or transfer students who are enrolled as full time students. To be eligible for scholarship consideration, students must complete both the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)* form and the *General Scholarship Form* at Virginia Tech. Both forms may be completed on-line by accessing the web sites noted below:

FAFSA: www.fafsa.ed.gov

Virginia Tech: www.finaid.vt.edu

Students are strongly encouraged to complete the forms no later than February 15th of each year. Scholarship awards are administered and awarded through the Virginia Tech Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid.

Mr. Merryman, who passed away in 2013, was a member of the Virginia Tech Class of 1946. He is the founder and patriarch of the company which bears his name – Sonny Merryman Inc. – Virginia’s Bus Company. Established in 1967, Sonny Merryman Inc. is the commonwealth’s oldest and most experienced bus dealer and serves as the exclusive statewide dealer for Thomas Built Buses.