Sweet Briar Launches SBCommitment 2.0, Expanding Full-Tuition Access for Virginia Women

SBCommitment 2.0 provides full tuition coverage for qualifying Virginia students, expanding access to Sweet Briar's transformative education.

SWEET BRIAR, VA, UNITED STATES, September 29, 2026 / EINPresswire.com/ -- Sweet Briar College has announced SBCommitment 2.0, an expanded full-tuition initiative available beginning in January 2027 for eligible incoming first-year and transfer students. The program is designed to make a transformative Sweet Briar education more accessible to qualified Virginia women while strengthening the Commonwealth's future workforce and leadership pipeline.



Benedict Hall is a prominent academic and artistic space on the Sweet Briar College campus, named in honor of Mary K. Benedict, the institution's first president.



Sweet Briar graduates reflect the promise of SBCommitment 2.0: expanding access and preparing women to lead, succeed, and make an impact.

Under SBCommitment 2.0, qualifying students may receive full tuition coverage if they meet all five eligibility requirements: they must be Virginia residents, be eligible for the Federal Pell Grant, have a family income of $85,000 or less, have a cumulative high school or college GPA of 3.25 or higher, and live on campus while participating in a Sweet Briar College meal plan.

Eligible students receive full tuition coverage through a combination of applicable federal, state, and

institutional resources. SBCommitment 2.0 builds on the College's original SBCommitment program, launched in 2024, by expanding eligibility to include both incoming first-year and transfer students who meet the program requirements.



Sweet Briar, Virginia

"Virginia's future depends on the opportunities available to talented women to develop their abilities and put their skills to work in their communities, professions and industries," said Sweet Briar College President Mary Pope M. Hutson '83. "SBCommitment 2.0 reflects our belief that financial circumstances should not prevent a promising young woman from accessing an education that will challenge her intellectually, develop her confidence, and prepare her to lead. When we invest in Virginia women, we invest in the strength of the Commonwealth."

> Access matters, but access alone is not enough. SBCommitment 2.0 removes financial barriers while preparing Virginia women to lead, succeed, and strengthen the Commonwealth."
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> *Dr. Christopher Smith, Vice President of Enrollment Management*

Across Virginia, private colleges and universities play a significant role in developing the talent that drives the Commonwealth. For more than a century, the College has focused on developing women who are prepared not simply to enter their professions, but to lead within them.

"Access is important, but access by itself is not enough," said Vice President for Enrollment Management Christopher Smith, Ph.D. "We have to connect access with outcomes. SBCommitment 2.0 gives talented Virginia women access to an education that enables them to discover their capabilities, develop leadership skills, gain real-world experience, and graduate prepared to contribute to Virginia's workforce and economy. Every time we remove a financial barrier for a qualified student, we expand Virginia's pool of educated, capable future leaders."

SBCommitment 2.0 provides students with access to an educational experience built around Sweet Briar's distinctive philosophy: to learn by doing and to lead by living. Students can work alongside faculty, participate in research, complete internships, present at conferences, study abroad, lead organizations, and gain experience beyond the classroom.

Sweet Briar's academic environment combines the breadth of the liberal arts with distinctive opportunities in areas such as engineering, environmental science, business, education, the arts, and equestrian studies. Leadership development is also woven throughout the undergraduate experience through the Women's Leadership Core Curriculum, a ten-course pathway that prepares students to think critically, communicate effectively, solve complex problems, collaborate across disciplines, and lead with purpose.

"Virginia needs women who are career-ready, prepared to step forward, creative problem-solvers, solve problems and leaders," said Hutson. "Sweet Briar has been developing our students to become leaders for more than a century."

Students interested in SBCommitment 2.0 should apply for admission to Sweet Briar College and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), listing Sweet Briar College using federal school code 003742. For additional information about SBCommitment 2.0, visit sbc.edu/sbcommitment or contact the Sweet Briar College Office of Admissions at admissions@sbc.edu or 434-381-6142.

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