



## State Employee Financial Wellness Program



September 2026



### A 529 Education Savings Account Covers More Than Just College

Did you know a 529 account can now be used for more than traditional college tuition?

Today's students can follow many paths to build their future career, whether it's hands-on training or specialized programs. No matter which direction they choose, an Invest529 account can move with them.

[Explore Invest529 Qualified Expenses](#) and open an account today!!



Virginia Retirement System®

### Tackle College Debt

If you took out federal student loans before July 1 and don't expect to borrow again, you may still have access to older repayment plan options. [Watch a short video](#), then log in to [myVRS](#) and select Financial Wellness for money management tools and personalized content.

### Retirement Quote of the Month

*"Retirement is not the end of the road. It is the beginning of the open highway." – Unknown*



### Values Based Financial Planning Webinar

September emphasizes aligning personal values with financial decisions. the featured session, Money & Values, enable employees to strengthen long-term financial habits.

Register below to join us for this virtual session on **Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 11AM.**

<https://forms.office.com/g/8jSd2Epc3S>



**Unbeatable Fall Savings!** Start September strong with school-season deals on top wellness picks and travel must-haves! Furthermore, don't miss special end of season deals on travel, family activities, and more. Plan your getaway with Discount Hotel Reservations and save up to 40% on hotels in top cities or explore new destinations with Discount Flight Reservations and save up to 20% on flights. Make magical memories with Walt Disney World Resort offers, including NEW vacation packages. Discover Local Deals and save up to 40% on dining and experiences near you and hit the road with up to 25% off rental cars for your summer travels. Explore all offers today and start saving with your savings marketplace.

[Employee Discounts Marketplace Flyer](#)

Scan the QR Code to Visit the COV Employee Discounts Marketplace:



## EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Anthem EAP is available to all employees, including those who have waived their enrollment in a health plan, non-benefit eligible wage employees, adjunct faculty and TRICARE Supplement members. Employees and their household members are eligible for up to four free online or in-person counseling sessions per issue each year. In addition, other well-being resources can be accessed on the EAP website.

[Learn More Here](#)

## Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF)

Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program (PSLF). State employees may be eligible for the federal government's Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program. Keep reading to see whether you might qualify.

The PSLF Program forgives the remaining balance on your Direct Student Loans after you have made 120 qualifying monthly payments under a qualifying repayment plan while working full-time for a qualifying employer.

Please direct your questions to the federal program site. [Click here](#) to learn more.

## Virginia Department of Treasury's Unclaimed Property Division

Have you checked to see if you're missing out on money? TRS offers a user-friendly website and the secure document upload feature, making claiming your funds quicker than ever before! Unclaimed property can include dormant bank accounts, uncashed checks, stocks and dividends, insurance proceeds, refunds, and more. Visit the free search site to check your name and start the claims process.

Search for Missing Money!  
<https://vamoneysearch.gov/>

## Virginia State Employee Assistance Fund (VSEAF)

The Virginia State Employee Assistance Fund provides grants to eligible state employees suffering from financial crisis due to an unforeseen emergency that impacts the employee or family members living in the residence of the employee. The VSEAF is a recognized 501c(3) charity member of the Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign (CVC), Code 203040. Visit the VSEAF webpage [here](#).



**BANZAI.** September's rewards bundle focuses on **credit scores, debit cards and minimum payments.** As you progress through the activities for the month of September, you will have the chance to win cash and other giveaways. Most importantly, we aim to provide you with the peace of mind that comes with financial literacy and preparedness.

Proceed to the link below to learn more and complete September's financial wellness activity:

<https://dhrmvirginia.banzai.org/wellness>

*Complete financial wellness activities listed this month and you will be entered into a drawing to win a \$100 Amazon Gift Card, or a deposit into your VACU account. Not a member yet? Please proceed to the Banzai link for a special offer available exclusively to state employees.*

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Please [register](#) below to join us on **Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 12 p.m.**, and learn more information on understanding your IDShield employee benefit in a world of AI & estate planning made simple.

<https://forms.office.com/g/fKQFD3w1iJ>

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For agencies that would like **Rate Mortgage** to host a mortgage webinar, please contact Joelle Maes at [Joelle.Maes@rate.com](mailto:Joelle.Maes@rate.com) for more information.

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For agencies that would like Aflac to host a virtual supplemental insurance webinar, please click this link: <https://www.aflacenrollment.com/CommonwealthofVirginia/0BZ420221021>

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For questions, please reach out to us at:  
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