

Virginia Incentive Program for Speech-Language Pathologists  
(VIP-SLP) School Year 2006-2007

Program Goal:

To increase the pool of speech-language pathologists in Virginia public schools by encouraging professionals working in the private sector and new graduates to accept jobs in Virginia public schools.

Award Information:

The Virginia Incentive Program for Speech-Language Pathologists (VIP-SLP):

- Pays up to \$1,000 per year for speech-language pathologists employed full-time in a Virginia public school division and \$700 per year for those who work part-time;
- Provides one-half of the total payment for each completed semester of the school year upon receipt of the Request for Payment form;
- Provides funding for a maximum of three years per applicant. Speech-language pathologists must continue to be employed by the local school division and must reapply each year;
- All awards dependent upon the availability of funds from the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE); and
- The incentive program is not intended to replace or substitute for any other salary, incentive, or loan repayment program.

Qualifications:

- Be a newly hired full- or part-time speech-language pathologist employed by one of Virginia's public school divisions to provide speech-language services;
- Graduated with a masters degree in communication sciences and disorders from an accredited in-state or out-of-state college or university;
- Hold a valid Virginia Pupil Personnel Services License or have completed an application for Virginia license with endorsement in speech-language disorders preK-12. The license must be awarded before payments will be made;
- Submit a completed application to the VDOE immediately after accepting a contract with a Virginia public school division for the 2006-2007 school year; and

- Submit a Request for Payment form by January 15, 2007, for the first semester and by June 15, 2007, for the second semester.

Following approval of the completed application, written notification of the status will be sent to the applicant and the local school division special education administrator. Additionally, participants will be provided two copies of the Request for Payment to submit at the conclusion of each semester. Requests for Payment are the responsibility of the applicant and are due by January 15, 2007, for the first semester and June 15, 2007, for the second semester. Payments are made directly to the applicant up to six weeks after receipt of the Request for Payment.