



State Employee Financial Wellness Program



July 2026 Edition



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®

Summer Wedding Season Is Here!

Tying the knot shapes your finances more than you may expect, including your taxes and Social Security benefit.

Read ["How Does Marriage Affect Retirement Planning?"](#) by logging in to your [myVRS account](#) and selecting Financial Wellness.

Retirement Quote of the Month

"Retirement is when you stop living at work and start working at living." – Unknown



Mid-Year Financial Check-In

July empowers employees to reassess financial progress and make mid-year adjustments.

Register now to join us for this virtual session on **Tuesday, July 14th at 11AM.**

Scan the QR code or proceed to the link below to register for this event.

<https://forms.office.com/g/4TD R2aS9xk>



Summer savings start with your savings marketplace. Enjoy exclusive deals across top brands and experiences. Save up to 40% on hotel reservations in top destinations, enjoy up to 25% off AMC Theatres tickets, and discover up to 40% off local dining and experiences near you. Planning a getaway? Save up to 25% on rental cars and explore new Walt Disney World® Resort and save up to 80%. Plus, save on the latest styles and trends from Sunglass Hut. 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

All health plans offered to state employees and their dependents have employee assistance programs (EAPs).

Included are up to four sessions at no charge for such services as mental health, alcohol or drug abuse assessment, child or elder care, grief counseling and legal or financial services.

[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. July's rewards bundle focuses on **How To Manage Your Debt: Strategies & Tools**. As you progress through the activities for the month of July, 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 July'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.



If you would like **Rate Mortgage** to host a mortgage webinar at your state agency/university/college, please contact Joelle Maes at Joelle.Maes@rate.com for more information.

If there is anything else that you'd like to see in this newsletter, please reach out to us at EmployeeEvents@dhrm.virginia.gov.

