



Office of Adult Learners
& Veterans Affairs
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Gallatin, TN 37066

Application for Academic Fresh Start

If you have not been enrolled in a college or university for a period of four years and re-enroll or transfer to Volunteer State Community College (VSCC), you may petition to have grades on previously failed course work at VSCC disregarded in calculating your cumulative grade point average.

Previously satisfied ACT, COMPASS, or ASSET requirements will not be forfeited. ACT, COMPASS, or ASSET requirements at the time of previous enrollment and whose academic plan includes completion of a college-level English or mathematics course must meet current Academic Assessment and Placement Program ACT, COMPASS, ASSET, or ACCUPLACER requirements regarding enrollment in college English and mathematics courses.

Financial Aid

The new GPA attained from being approved for Academic Fresh Start cannot be used to meet the standards for Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP), PACE, and/or to be removed from Financial Aid Probation or Suspension.

To Submit The Application:

You must complete the attached application for consideration for Academic Fresh Start and submit it to the Office of Adult Learners & Veterans Affairs. The application will be submitted to the Vice President of Academic Affairs for final approval. If the request is approved, your permanent record will remain a record of all work at VSCC, however, the previously failed course work at VSCC will be excluded from the cumulative GPA calculation. Academic Fresh Start will not be applied to failing grades transferred in from another college or university. A student who plans to transfer to another institution should contact that institution to determine the impact of Academic Fresh Start prior to implementing the program at VSCC.

Submit completed application to the Office of Adult Learners and Veterans Affairs via email at alva@volstate.edu or in person or via mail at the address listed in the top right corner.

Name: _____ Vol State ID # or DOB: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

Major/Concentration: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Please describe, on the next page, your reason for requesting Academic Fresh Start and why you feel you should be considered and or approved in the space provided.

If you would like to type your information on a separate sheet of paper, feel free to do so and attach to this application.

Examples:

- I enrolled at Vol State in 2010 immediately after graduation from high school. At that time, I was not focused or serious about school, and had no idea what I wanted to be when I grew up. Therefore, I failed some of my courses. I have worked in the healthcare field for several years now and have a goal to become a registered nurse. I would like to apply for the Vol State Nursing Program. If I am approved for Academic Fresh Start, I will become more motivated to maintain a good GPA, graduate, and make my loved ones proud to have a nurse in the family.
- I was a student at Vol State in 2005. I would like to return to pursue my degree in Criminal Justice. When I dropped out in 2005, I just stopped going to my classes. I did not know I had to complete a document to officially drop from my classes. Because I did not drop my classes, I have 'F' grades I was not aware of until I applied for readmission to the college. I would like to be considered for academic fresh start to have my 'F' grades removed from my GPA and begin over preparing for my future career.

Provide as much information in the space below as you think is needed to be considered for Academic Fresh Start. If needed, please feel free to add additional paper.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Applications for Academic Fresh Start are processed within the semester they are submitted. Applications that are submitted within two weeks prior to the end of the semester may not be processed until the following semester. Students must be registered in classes at the time their applications are processed. Students can only be approved **one time** for Academic Fresh Start.

For assistance and/or questions, contact the Office of Adult Learners and Veterans Affairs via email at alva@volstate.edu or by calling 615-230-3494.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

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