



(540) 635-4146

**APPLICATION
FOR
VANPOOL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Program Applying For: VanStart VanSave Requested Amount of Assistance Per Seat: _____

Date: _____

Name of Vanpool Operator/Coordinator: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ Fax: _____

VANPOOL INFORMATION

Date Vanpool Began Operation: _____

Destination of Vanpool: _____ Miles Per One-way Trip of Vanpool: _____

Route Traveled by Vanpool: _____

Current Capacity of Vanpool: _____ Maximum Capacity of Vanpool: _____

Date Seat(s) Became Vacant: 1) _____ 2) _____

3) _____ 4) _____

Cost Per Passenger Excluding Driver: @Current Capacity: _____ @Maximum Capacity: _____

Date Registered with Rideshare Database: _____

How will you help aggressively recruit passengers? _____

INSURANCE INFORMATION

You may attach a copy of your insurance identification card instead of completing this section.

Name of Commercial Auto Policy/
Vanpool Policy carrier van is insured under: _____

Name of Insured: _____

Policy Number: _____

Effective Date of Coverage: _____

SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING WITH APPLICATION:

- Copy of Virginia Motor Vehicle Registration;
- Copy of Driver's License or Other Proof of Identification;
- Vanpool Rider List (form included);
- Completed Certification for Vanpool Assistance (form included).

PLEASE STATE AND EXPLAIN YOUR NEED FOR TEMPORARY FUNDING THROUGH THE VANPOOL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: (Attach an additional sheet if necessary)

COMMENTS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: (Attach an additional sheet if necessary)

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**CERTIFICATION
for
VANPOOL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

I CERTIFY AND AFFIRM THAT:

1. This is a legitimate nonprofit ridesharing arrangement, according to Section 46.2-1400 of the code of Virginia which states:

 “Ridesharing Arrangement” means the transportation of persons in a motor vehicle when such transportation is incidental to the principal purpose of the driver, which is to reach a destination and not to transport persons for profit. The term includes ridesharing arrangements known as car pools, van pools, and bus pools.
2. I will immediately notify the local jurisdiction when I no longer qualify for the Vanpool Assistance Program;
3. I am aware that the information I have provided is subject to review and verification;
4. I am familiar with and will comply with the eligibility requirements and responsibilities as stated on the reverse;
5. I have not requested or received State financial assistance for this van/vanpool for the last 12 months;
6. No more than 49% of the total riders in the vanpool have participated in a State financial vanpool assistance program in the previous 12 months;
7. The matters and facts contained in the foregoing application are true and subject to verification;
8. I understand this is a voluntary program and will not hold the State of Virginia, the Department of Rail & Public Transportation, the local Rideshare Program, or their employees liable for any injuries or damages and/or incompatibility among vanpool participants;
9. If I misuse the assistance, I may be held guilty of criminal fraud and breach of contract. The Department of Rail & Public Transportation will be allowed to take appropriate action.

Date: _____ Program Applying For: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Applicant Name: (Please print clearly) _____

Address: _____

Application Approved:

Date: _____ Ridesharing Manager: _____

Eligibility Requirements for Vanpool Assistance Program

1. The vanpool must register with a State recognized rideshare database.
2. The van must have PV plates (or a copy of the application must be attached) and must be properly registered with the local jurisdiction (i.e. the vehicle must have a county sticker).
3. The vanpool must be a nonprofit operation.
4. The owner/operator must certify that the van is appropriately insured under a Commercial Auto Policy or a Vanpool Policy, an insurance category different from a personal or family auto policy.
5. The owner/operator must demonstrate continuous aggressive recruiting for new passengers. Additional recruiting assistance will be provided by the Rideshare Program.
6. Additional eligibility, monitoring or guidelines may be set by the administering Rideshare program based on:
 - a. Knowledge of the applicant's history as a vanpool operator or passenger;
 - b. Market factors;
 - c. Funding limitations;
 - d. Collective experience of the vanpools in the region;
 - e. Origin and destination of the vanpool;
 - f. The vanpool's realistic potential for operating at capacity.
7. A vanpool owner/operator may not apply for assistance if 50% or more of the total ridership of the van has been in another vanpool with received State financial vanpool assistance in the past 12 months. For example, on a 15-passenger van, no more than 7 of the passengers may have been in a vanpool which received State financial vanpool assistance in the past 12 months.

Eligibility Requirements for VanStart Program

1. The vanpool must be in its first three (3) months of operation.
2. The owner/operator must demonstrate that at least 50% of the passenger capacity is full by supplying to the Rideshare Manager for verification the names and telephone numbers (both work and home numbers) of existing passengers.

Eligibility Requirements for VanSave Program

1. The vanpool must be registered with a State recognized database for a minimum of 30 days prior to application for assistance.
2. The vanpool must be in operation for a minimum of six months and may not have received any state assistance funds for 12 months.
3. The van must have lost at least 25% of its paying passengers for more than 30 days.

VANPOOL RIDER LIST

Vanpool Operator: _____ Month: _____

Signature of Person Submitting Report: _____

1. Name: _____
Address: _____
Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
Employer: _____
Work Address: _____

2. Name: _____
Address: _____
Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
Employer: _____
Work Address: _____

3. Name: _____
Address: _____
Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
Employer: _____
Work Address: _____

4. Name: _____
Address: _____
Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
Employer: _____
Work Address: _____

5. Name: _____
Address: _____
Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
Employer: _____
Work Address: _____

6. Name: _____
Address: _____
Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
Employer: _____
Work Address: _____

7. Name: _____
Address: _____
Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
Employer: _____
Work Address: _____

8. Name: _____
Address: _____
Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
Employer: _____
Work Address: _____

9. Name: _____
Address: _____
Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
Employer: _____
Work Address: _____

10. Name: _____
Address: _____
Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
Employer: _____
Work Address: _____

11. Name: _____
Address: _____
Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
Employer: _____
Work Address: _____

12. Name: _____
Address: _____
Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
Employer: _____
Work Address: _____

13. Name: _____
Address: _____
Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
Employer: _____
Work Address: _____

14. Name: _____
Address: _____
Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
Employer: _____
Work Address: _____

15. Name: _____
Address: _____
Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
Employer: _____
Work Address: _____