CICV 2027 Counselor Tour
March 30-April 3, 2027
Frequently Asked Questions

Please keep a copy for your reference.

Which Virginia private colleges are featured on the 2027 Tour?

Marymount University, Shenandoah University, Eastern Mennonite University, Bridgewater College, Mary Baldwin University, Washington and Lee University, and Southern Virginia University.

How much does the tour cost?
An $80 registration fee plus transportation to and from Arlington, Virginia will be your only expenses. If airport scheduling requires you to arrive a day early or depart a day later, you will be responsible for all arrangements and costs associated with hotels, meals, ubers, etc.

How do I register and pay for the tour?
Please complete the full registration form including the liability and photo consent forms found at the end of the registration forms on pages 4-5. You can mail the completed forms and a check made payable to CICV to 108 N. 8th Street, Richmond, VA 23219 OR you can email the completed forms to deb@cicv.org and visit the CICV website at https://cicv.org/learn-more/for-counselors/ to pay electronically via Paypal. CICV charges a modest fee for electronic payments: $85.00 shared accommodations/$362.25 for single accommodations. Once forms and payment are received, you will receive an email confirmation of your registration.

NEW FOR 2027 - When does the tour begin?
For 2027, the tour begins TUESDAY, March 30 with a 6:00 pm welcome reception at the Marymount University Ballston Campus.

This tour is very popular with counselors. Space is limited to the first 50 registered participants.

Please do not make airline reservations until you have received written confirmation from CICV indicating that you have been registered for the tour!!!

When does the tour end?
Participants will be returned to Arlington, VA (Marymount Ballston Campus/hotel) at the conclusion of the tour on Friday, April 2nd which will be approximately 7:00 pm. The registration fee includes overnight accommodations for check out on Saturday, April 3rd. Please keep this in mind when you book a return trip home!

What happens if I need to come in a day early?
Registration fees cover meals and transportation during the tour only. Participants are responsible for their travel costs to Arlington, VA including pre or post tour hotel accommodations. Please contact Liz Bryant at liz@cicv.org if you need assistance arranging hotel accommodations outside of the tour dates at your own expense.

How long will we spend on each campus?
You will spend approximately three (3.5) hours at each college.

Please be advised that the days will be fun, informative and **LONG**! This is unavoidable in order to accommodate seven college tours in three days.

I only want to participate in part of the tour. Is that allowed?
Registrations will only be honored for those registrants who attend the entire tour.
Please only register for the tour if you can participate in the entire tour (March 30-April 3).

Where will we stay each night?
You will stay in local hotels, not in college dormitories.

Unless you specifically request a single room or a particular roommate in advance, you will be matched up with another tour participant of the same gender who will remain your roommate for the duration of the tour.

If you prefer a single room, an additional $270 per person will be required beyond the $80 registration fee.

Double accommodations are limited so please register as soon as possible if you want to share a room.

How will we be transported from one college to another?
CICV uses a commercial charter bus and driver.

Will meals be provided?
Meals will be provided by the colleges and/or The Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia (CICV). There will also be snacks and beverages provided on the bus. Please feel free to pack your own snacks if you have allergies or specific preferences.

I have special dietary needs. Will they be met on this tour?
Please indicate any special dietary needs on your registration form. Our colleges do an excellent job accommodating most dietary issues.

If I drive, where will I leave my car?
You will be parking your car at the tour starting point. Specific information will be provided closer to the tour.

Please note that if you carpool to the tour and your driver becomes ill or it is unavoidably necessary for them to leave the tour prior to its conclusion, you will be responsible for arranging transportation back to your home base.

Can a spouse or friend come with me? What about children?

To participate in the tour, you must be a high school counselor working with college-bound students, an independent counselor with membership in NACAC, HECA or IECA, a transfer coordinator at a two-year college, or employed by a community-based college access organization. **Non-counselor spouses, friends, children or pets cannot be accommodated on the tour**.

What should I pack/wear?

Pack as lightly as you can. You will be responsible for carrying your own luggage.

Casual dress is appropriate. **Please bring comfortable shoes. You will be doing a lot of walking on our college campuses and some are hillier than others.**

Virginia weather can be unpredictable in spring. Please ensure you check online for the forecasted weather prior to packing.

What is the cancellation policy?

CICV must receive your cancellation no later than Friday, February 12, 2027, to receive a full refund. No refunds will be issued after that date.

Whom do I contact for additional information?

For logistics and tour details, please contact Liz Bryant at liz@cicv.org or 804-814-8261.