

Financial Assistance for FastForward Programs – Noncredit Funding Sources

FastForward Programs (funded by the Workforce Credential Grant) are preparatory short-term training programs for industry credentials in high-demand professions. Virginia domiciled residents can take these programs by paying 1/3 of the actual cost with no additional cost, provided they successfully complete the program. These three financial assistance options - FANTIC, REV, and VRSA - cover the student's first one-third.

| | Re-Employing Virginia (REV) | Virginia Ready State Aid (VRSA) | Financial Assistance for Non-Credit Industry Credentials (FANTIC) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Benefit | The Re-Employing Virginians (REV) initiative provides funding to students who are unemployed or underemployed due to COVID-19. REV is a one-time tuition voucher award , and it will pay in full the first one-third of one FastForward eligible program up to \$1,500. Applicants will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis through December 2021. | The Virginia Ready Scholars Program provides funding to students who are unemployed or underemployed due to COVID-19. VA Ready Scholars will receive a one-time \$1,000 Credential Achievement Award upon achieving their new credential. Through June 30, 2021, the VA Ready State Aid (VRSA) will pay in full the first one-third of one FastForward program up to \$1,500 for eligible VA Ready Scholars (one-time award). | FANTIC provides funding to students demonstrating the required financial need and who desire to enroll in an approved FastForward training program. FANTIC will pay in full the first one-third of a selected FastForward program. Applicants will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis through June 2021. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eligibility | <p>Criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Domiciled in Virginia Employment disrupted due to COVID-19. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Unemployed and receiving benefits on or after August 1, 2020 <i>OR</i> Underemployed and earning less than \$15 per hour in a part-time job Complete REV Self-Certification form | <p>Criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Domiciled in Virginia Employment circumstances changed as a result of COVID-19. This could include being laid-off, furloughed, or now without steady, full-time work. It might include someone working more than one part-time job to make ends meet. Must be enrolled in a VA Ready supported FastForward course Must sign up for VA Ready before the course begins or no later than 5 calendar days after their course's start date (Day 1 = first day of classes) Must be approved as a VA Ready Scholar | <p>Criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Domiciled in Virginia Demonstrate financial need based on household income <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Currently receiving SNAP or TANF benefits <i>OR</i> Current household adjusted gross income falls at or below 400% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (see chart below) Complete the FANTIC application and provide supporting documents <table border="1" data-bbox="1478 1143 1934 1425"> <thead> <tr> <th>Persons in Household</th> <th>Federal Poverty Guidelines 2021 4x Poverty Guidelines</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>1</td><td>\$51,040</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>\$68,960</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>\$86,880</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>\$104,800</td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>\$122,720</td></tr> <tr><td>6</td><td>\$140,640</td></tr> <tr><td>7</td><td>\$158,560</td></tr> <tr><td>8</td><td>\$176,480</td></tr> </tbody> </table> | Persons in Household | Federal Poverty Guidelines 2021 4x Poverty Guidelines | 1 | \$51,040 | 2 | \$68,960 | 3 | \$86,880 | 4 | \$104,800 | 5 | \$122,720 | 6 | \$140,640 | 7 | \$158,560 | 8 | \$176,480 |
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| How to Apply | Complete REV Self-Certification Form online www.nvcc.edu/rev/ | Sign up for VA Ready online www.vaready.org after you are enrolled in a FastForward program | Complete FANTIC Application and submit required documents www.nvcc.edu/workforce/assistance | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| NOVA Workforce FastForward Programs | Full Tuition | FastForward Tuition (1/3 of full tuition)* | REV Eligible Student Pays \$0 | VRSA Eligible Student Pays \$0 | FANTIC Eligible Student Pays \$0 | Included with tuition |
|---|-------------------------|---|--|---|---|--|
| CompTIA® A+ | \$2,502 | \$834 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Textbook, CertMaster and exam voucher |
| CompTIA® Linux+ | \$1,674 | \$558 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Textbook, CertMaster and exam voucher |
| CompTIA® Network+ | \$1,527 | \$509 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Textbook, CertMaster and exam voucher |
| CompTIA® Security+ | \$1,566 | \$522 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Textbook, CertMaster and exam voucher |
| AWS Cloud Practitioner | \$1,203 | \$401 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Textbook and exam voucher |
| AWS Certified Solutions Architect (Associate) | \$2,013 | \$671 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Textbook and exam voucher |
| Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH) | \$3,135 | \$1,045 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Textbook, iLab access code, and exam voucher |
| Certified Pharmacy Technician | \$1,950 | \$650 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Textbook and exam voucher |
| Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA) | \$3,267 | \$1,089 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Textbook, exam voucher, BLS CPR books and testing |
| Nurse Aide Preparation (CNA) | \$2,331 | \$777 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Textbook, exam voucher, stethoscope, gait belt & BLS CPR books and testing |
| Certified Billing & Coding Specialist (CBCS) | \$3,066 | \$1,022 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | Textbook and exam voucher |
| Licensed Massage Therapist <i>*Coming soon</i> | | | ✓ | | ✓ | Textbook and exam voucher |
| EPA Section 608 Technician Certification (HVAC) | \$1,500 | \$500 | ✓ | | ✓ | Textbook and exam voucher |

Tuition Subject to Change

*Participants will only pay one-third of the cost for the course. Course completion is required. Failure to complete the course will result in the participant's financial obligation to pay an additional one-third of the program's cost back to the Commonwealth of Virginia. Funding for this program is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis.

To qualify for the FastForward tuition, you must meet the Virginia domicile requirements. Virginia "domicile" means you have lived in Virginia and intended to stay here indefinitely for at least one year prior to the date of application.

Additional funding sources (REV, VRSA, FANTIC) may be available to cover the FastForward tuition fully or partially. Visit www.nvcc.edu/workforce/assistance for information.

**To learn more about FastForward and a complete list of FastForward approved programs,
please visit www.fastforwardva.org.**