Financial Assistance

Nothing says you’re ready to do the job like industry-approved credentials. But if cost is a barrier, SVCC can help.

Starting July 1, 2016, SVCC’s Workforce Development department is offering financial assistance through the New Virginia Economy Workforce Credential Grant (WCG) program.

This General Assembly-funded program enables eligible students to attain an industry credential at 1/3 the cost – if you complete the course and pass it. And you can achieve success in weeks, not months.

The grants offset the cost of tuition on select, high-demand credential programs. They are available to Virginia residents who meet Virginia domicile requirements.

SVCC programs that are currently available for WCG:

- Commercial Driver’s License
  
  **Full cost:** $4,500 **Your WCG cost:** $1,500

- Certified Nurse Aide
  
  **Full cost:** $2,100 **Your WCG cost:** $700
- Medication Aide
  *Full cost: Your WCG cost:*
- Power Line Worker
  *Full cost: $11,800 Your WCG cost: $4,300*
- Certified Massage Therapist
  *Full cost: $5,400 Your WCG cost: $2,400*
- Precision Machining
  *Full cost: $9,000 your WCG cost: $3,000*

**Others Coming soon!**

**What will be expected of you**

Those participating in this program will be expected to regularly attend and participate in all classes AND successfully attain a designated credential or licensure at the end of the program.

If the cost of the exam is included in the tuition, it will be covered by the grant.

**Participants are responsible for paying the first 1/3 of the course cost at the time of registration.**

Upon your successful completion of the course and the credential, WCG will pay the other 2/3. The maximum value of each grant is $3,000 per credential.

If you don’t complete and pass the course, you will be responsible for an additional 1/3 of the cost.

**If you can’t afford the first 1/3**

Financial assistance for workforce education is available to those meeting certain eligibility requirements, including income. If you qualify, you would pay only 10% of the up-front cost. For example, if 1/3 of the course cost is $300, you would pay $30.

**Who can participate in the WCG program**

You are eligible for the WCG program if you:

- Are a Virginia-domiciled resident
- Are not enrolled in a bachelor's or associate program
- Have met Selective Service requirements

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Questions?
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