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FastForward Financial Assistance QUICK FACTS...

FastForward (also referred to as the Workforce Credential Grant) underwrites the cost of select pre-approved high-demand training programs for domiciled (12 months) Virginia residents by covering two thirds of the cost of registration with the expectation that the applicant will (a) successfully complete the program and (b) seek the related workforce credential. The applicant is financially responsible for the first third. If the applicant can prove financial inability to pay for the first third as determined by a predefined set of criteria, they may qualify for one of two **FastForward Financial Assistance options**.

FANTIC (Financial Assistance for Noncredit Training for Industry Credentials)

FastForward FANTIC (Financial Assistance) provides funding for students demonstrating financial need (earning less than 400% of the state poverty rate) who desire to enroll in any FastForward training program leading to the attainment of an industry recognized credential or licensure and are not eligible for other funding grants or financial assistance. This financial aid will pay for 100% of the student's portion (1/3) for the program.

G3 (Get a Skill, Get a Job, Get Ahead)

G3 (Financial Assistance) provides funding for students earning less than 400% of the state poverty rate who desire to enroll in select G3 approved FastForward workforce training program leading to the attainment of an industry recognized credential or licensure. This financial aid will pay for 100% of the student's portion (1/3) for the program.

What are the qualifications?

To participate in the programs, the applicant shall: (eligibility documents listed with each)

1. Be a **US citizen** or eligible noncitizen;
For verification, bring a photo ID such as a driver's license or a state issued ID card or a permanent resident card.
2. Be **eighteen years of age** if applicant has completed secondary school or nineteen years old otherwise;
AGE VERIFICATION: Bring one of the following: Driver's License; State Issued ID, or Passport.
3. Meet the **Virginia Domicile** requirement by providing two domicile verifications;
 - A. **PRIMARY VERIFICATION:** Complete the **VCCS Domicile Determination Form** and meet the qualification to be domiciled in Virginia. (Must have been a resident for 12 months.) The form is attached to the application. Complete the form and submit with the application. If applicant does not meet the domicile requirement but has extenuating circumstances, they may appeal to the Laurel Ridge College Domicile Expert.
 - B. **SECONDARY VERIFICATION:** Copy of Pre-Printed Documentation showing applicant address
 (Examples: Utility Bill, Bank Statement, Voter Registration Card, Preprinted Rent Receipt, Housing Contract, Vehicle Registration, etc.)
4. Be in **compliance with federal Selective Service** registration requirements.
5. **Prepare to enroll in a preapproved Laurel Ridge/WSCE FastForward credential program.**
6. Be **ineligible*** for other forms of tuition funding including employer assistance plans or other tuition assistance programs such as WIOA, SNAPET, TANF, DRS, or any other state or federal programs; and,

* May be asked to provide documentation of denial for other assistance programs.

7. Demonstrate **financial need based on household income** by EITHER:
- (FANTIC ONLY)** Providing proof that either the **student or dependent student's parent(s) is currently eligible for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance program (SNAP) and/or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)**; or
For verification, bring in either a current AND active SNAP or TANF card
 - Demonstrating that the **student or the dependent student's parent(s) has a household adjusted gross income** that is less than 400% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. This qualification will be determined by the Workforce Solutions staff based on a Tax Return Transcript* provided by applicant.
For verification, you must bring in your IRS Tax Return Transcript
 - Applicant must apply to the IRS to get a Tax Return Transcript** that must accompany the application if they are solely using income to determine their financial eligibility. **This process can take up to 10 business days** so plan accordingly. Go to IRS website: <http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Get-Transcript>
 - If the transcript mailing time will delay the registration/application process past the starting date of the class, we can temporarily accept a copy of your most **recent tax return** to begin the process so long as we receive the **Tax Return Transcript** (that will verify the Tax Return Transcript requested) no more than three business days after the class start date, otherwise you will be withdrawn from the class.

2025 Maximum Income Guidelines (WSCE Staff will also review to see if other funding qualifies first)

Based on 2025 HHS Poverty Guidelines		FANTIC / G3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	# Persons in Your Household	Income Threshold
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	\$62,600
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	\$84,600
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	\$106,600
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	\$128,600
<input type="checkbox"/>	5	\$150,600
<input type="checkbox"/>	6	\$172,600
<input type="checkbox"/>	7	\$194,600
<input type="checkbox"/>	8	\$216,600
<input type="checkbox"/>	9	\$238,600
<input type="checkbox"/>	10	\$260,600
For each additional household member over 10 add \$5,380		

How do I apply?

Please complete the **Workforce Solutions Financial Assistance Application** and bring in the required documentation as outlined above and, on the application, including the **WCG Agreement**. You can stop by Middletown or Fauquier Office during business hours to pick up and/or submit your application and paperwork.

Applications will be reviewed by the Workforce Solutions staff to determine qualification. You may be required to apply for other funding sources based on your application responses/documentation prior to being evaluated to receive the Workforce Financial Assistance.

Contact Information and Questions

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