



TRRC Workforce Financial Aid for the 2021-22 School Year

Guidelines & Call for Proposals – Due Date November 20, 2020

The Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission's (TRRC) Workforce Financial Aid Program (WFA) is open to Community Colleges and Higher Education Centers (including New College Institute) that serve the Tobacco Region. Funding is intended to remove financial barriers for Tobacco Region residents working to obtain nationally-recognized workforce and post-secondary credentials required for employment in in-demand careers with Tobacco Region employers.

Due Date: The Commission will accept proposals submitted through TRRC's online application until **November 20, 2020** for WFA funding to serve permanent residents of Tobacco Region localities in the **2021-22 school year**. A total of up to **\$3 million** may be awarded for WFA proposals in the current FY21 Commission budget.

Funding Priorities: The Commission's five funding priorities for the WFA Program are listed below in ranked order. Applicant institutions must allocate WFA funding for all eligible students in a higher priority category program before allocating WFA funding for other eligible students in a lower priority category.

Priority 1: Workforce Credentials – All certifications that can be completed in six months or fewer.

Priority 2: STEM-H and Advanced Manufacturing students who can obtain their degree / certificate within one year.

Priority 3: STEM-H and Advanced Manufacturing students who are working towards a degree or certificate, for which completion will require more than one year.

For priorities #2 and #3, WFA funding may only be used to support students in the programs listed in the attached list of eligible programs and majors. Any WFA funding for priorities #4 and #5 below must be limited to targeted high-demand fields documented by the applicant institution and approved by TRRC. Applicants must submit documentation of employer demand with their applications and will be subject to approval by TRRC.

Priority 4: Students who can obtain their degree/certificate within one year in a targeted high-demand field approved by TRRC.

Priority 5: Other full-time, program-placed students for which completion will require more than one year in a targeted high-demand field approved by TRRC.

TRRC staff will recommend awards to applicant institutions that allocate funding to higher funding priority categories before allocating funding to lower priority categories. Staff will not recommend awarding funds for applications that allocate funds to lower priority categories without documented employer demand.

For students receiving FastForward Workforce Credential funding, TRRC will support one-sixth of the cost of the training program and certification (half of the one-third share the student is responsible for), with the remainder to be covered by FFWC and potentially state FANTIC funds or other sources. However, TRRC will allow up to 50% tuition reimbursement for FFWC-eligible training cohorts that are conducted during periods when FFWC funding is not available due to state funding limitations.

Eligible uses of WFA: WFA support shall be used only for tuition and mandatory fees. WFA funds may not be used for books, transportation and other expenses.

Maximum Funding Requests: TRRC has tentatively made up to \$3 million available for the 2021-22 school year. The amount requested by each institution should not exceed the amount that was approved for WFA funds for that institution for the current 2020-21 school year. Therefore, institutions that received the maximum \$315,000 funding for 2020-21 may request up to **\$315,000 for the 2021-22 school year**.

“Last Dollar” Support: The Commission’s policy that WFA support be used only as “last dollar” support, after all other state, federal and private financial aid options have been exhausted, continues to apply to the WFA Program.

Matching Fund Requirement: Per the Code of Virginia, all Commission grants require at least dollar-for-dollar match. Applicants must demonstrate how they will provide non-Commission matching financial aid support equal to or exceeding the requested TRRC funds.

New Documentation Requirement: Recipients of TRRC WFA grants must report, on an individual student basis, the full distribution of all financial aid and/or other funding used to meet that student’s financial responsibility to the college. This documentation may be marked “Confidential” to protect student privacy, and the Commission asks that any other data that might make documentation sensitive (such as social security numbers, student health or disability status, etc.) be redacted.

The Commission intends to act on proposals submitted by the November 20, 2020 at its January 2021 meeting. For assistance or questions about program objectives and requirements, please contact the TRRC Grants Staff.

STEM-H and Advanced Manufacturing Programs and Majors Eligible for TRRC Workforce Financial Aid (Priorities #2 and #3)

The following list of Programs and Majors was selected from the VCCS website (<https://courses.vccs.edu/programs>) and may be updated at the discretion of Commission staff.

Associate of Arts and Sciences

Liberal Arts and Sciences/Liberal Studies

- BUSINESS ADMIN (limited to the following specialization)
 - Business Information Technology
- ENGINEERING
- GENERAL STUDIES (limited to the following specializations)
 - Information Technology
 - Software Engineering
 - Computer Science
- SCIENCE

Associate of Applied Science

Non-transfer, applied technology degree.

Architectural Technology/Technician

- ARCHITECTURE

CAD/CADD Drafting and/or Design Technology/Technician

- COMPUTER AIDED DRAFTING &

Clinical/Medical Laboratory Technician

- MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOL

Computer and Information Sciences, General

- INFORMATION SYSTEMS TECHNO
- IST: Networking

Computer and Information Systems Security/Auditing/Information Assurance

- Cybersecurity

Dental Hygiene/Hygienist

- DENTAL HYGIENE

Diagnostic Medical Sonography/Sonographer and Ultrasound Technician

- DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRA

Electrical, Electronic, and Communications Engineering Technology/Technician

- COMPUTER ELECTRONICS TECHN
- COMPUTER NETWORKING TECHNO
- ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING TEC

Electrician

- Electrical Technology
- ELECTROMECHANICAL CONTROL

Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)

- EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Engineering Technologies/Technicians, General

- [ARCHITECT CIVIL ENGINEER](#)
- [GENERAL ENGINEERING TECHNO](#)

Environmental Control Technologies/Technicians, Other

- [Energy Technology](#)

Health Information/Medical Records Technology/Technician

- [HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOL](#)

Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/Technician

- [AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRI](#)

Industrial Electronics Technology/Technician

- [ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY](#)
- [INSTRUMENTATION](#)

Industrial Production Technologies/Technicians, Other

- [COMPUTER INTEGRATED MANUFA](#)
- [INDUSTRIAL](#)
- [INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY](#)

Industrial Technology/Technician

- [TECHNICAL STUDIES](#)

Manufacturing Engineering Technology/Technician

- [Mechatronics](#)

Mechanical Engineering Related Technologies/Technicians, Other

- [MECHANICAL DESIGN](#)
- [MECHANICAL ENGINEERING TEC](#)

Natural Resources/Conservation, General

- [ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE](#)

Nursing

- [NURSING](#)

Occupational Therapist Assistant

- [OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST ASS](#)

Physical Therapy Assistant

- [PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTA](#)

Precision Metal Working, Other

- [MACHINE TECHNOLOGY](#)

Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer

- [RADIOGRAPHY](#)

Respiratory Care Therapy/Therapist

- [RESPIRATORY THERAPY](#)

Associate of Science

Biological and Physical Sciences

- [SCIENCE](#)

Computer Science

- [COMPUTER SCIENCE](#)

Elementary Education and Teaching

- [Teacher Education \(limited to\)](#)
 - [Teacher Education - Secondary Mathematics Specialization](#)

Engineering, General

- [ENGINEERING](#)

Health Services/Allied Health/Health Sciences, General

- [Health Sciences](#)

Information Technology

- [INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY](#)

Certificate

A curriculum that consists of a minimum of 30 semester hours with a minimum of 15% of course work in general education which must include one (1) three (3) credit hour English class.

Allied Health Diagnostic, Intervention, and Treatment Professions, Other

- [ADVANCED HEALTH CARE](#)
- [HEALTH SCIENCES](#)

CAD/CADD Drafting and/or Design Technology/Technician

- [COMPUTER AIDED DRAFTING &](#)

Computer and Information Sciences, General

- [INFORMATION SYSTEMS TECHNO](#)
- [NETWORKING APLUS](#)

Computer and Information Systems Security/Auditing/Information Assurance

- [Cybersecurity](#)

Dental Assisting/Assistant

- [DENTAL ASSISTING](#)

Electrical, Electronic, and Communications Engineering Technology/Technician

- [ELEC/ELECTRONICS](#)
- [ELECTRONICS](#)

Electrician

- [ELECTRICITY](#)

Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/Technician

- [AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRI](#)

Industrial Production Technologies/Technicians, Other

- [INDUSTRIAL MAINTENANCE](#)
- [MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY](#)

Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training

- [PRACTICAL NURSING](#)

Precision Metal Working, Other

- [COMPUTER NUME CON MACH](#)
- [MACHINE SHOP](#)
- [MACHINE TOOL OPERATIONS](#)
- [PRECISION MACHINING TECNOL](#)

Substance Abuse/Addiction Counseling

- [SUBSTANCE ABUSE REHABILITA](#)

Welding Technology/Welder

- [Pipe Welding](#)
- [WELDING](#)

Diploma

A two-year curriculum with an emphasis in a career/technical area with a minimum of 15% of course work in general education which must include one (1) three (3) credit hour English class.

Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician

- AUTOMOTIVE ANALYSIS & REPA

Electrical/Electronics Maintenance and Repair Technologies/Technicians, Other

- ELECTRONICS SERVICE

Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/Technician

- AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRI

Industrial Electronics Technology/Technician

- ELECTRICAL ELECTRONICS

Precision Metal Working, Other

- MACHINE OPERATIONS
- MACHINE SHOP
- MACHINE TOOL
- Machine Tool and Quality

Welding Technology/Welder

- WELDING