

## Additional Information

- Applications are considered on a first-come, first-served basis as long as funding is available.
- You'll be notified of your eligibility approximately 2–3 weeks after your application is complete.
- Please note: If you're applying to a school that hasn't been approved by VSAC, the processing of your application may take significantly longer.
- If you're eligible, the amount of your Advancement Grant will be calculated based on your financial need and the cost of the course, up to a maximum award that is determined each year.
- Because of limited funds, you'll be considered for only two courses per enrollment term, up to two enrollment terms per year.
- After your course has started, VSAC will contact your school to complete the online enrollment verification process. Once your enrollment has been verified, the Advancement Grant will be disbursed directly to your school.



## Applying for Vermont's Advancement Grant

**For the  
Academic Year  
2025–2026**

*The Advancement Grant is intended to help Vermonters enhance job skills and improve employability, and to provide non-traditional students with an introduction to a postsecondary educational program.*

### **Refer to this brochure if:**

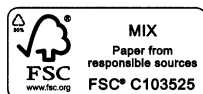
- you plan to enroll in a non-degree course or a non-matriculated program that starts between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026.
- you need financial assistance to help pay for the cost of the course/program.
- you'd like more information about eligibility requirements or the application process for the Advancement Grant.

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## Who is **Eligible**

### You must:

- be a Vermont resident and have lived in the state of Vermont for one year prior to the start of your class (unless you are a parolee, refugee, or have been granted a special immigrant visa as described in the application);
- be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen (*if you aren't either of these, please contact us for the Advancement Grant Pathway Application*);
- be enrolled in a non-degree or non-matriculated program (if you're unsure, please check with your school) at a school or business approved by VSAC;
- have financial need as determined by the VSAC Grant Program;
- not have already received six terms of the Advancement Grant (formerly the Vermont Non-Degree Grant);
- not be receiving a Vermont Incentive Grant (for full-time study) or a Vermont Part-Time Grant for the same semester, or for two semesters during the 2025–2026 academic year;
- have a high school diploma or G.E.D. If you don't have either of these, you must not have been enrolled as a traditional high school student within the past three months;
- not have previously received an Advancement Grant (formerly the Vermont Non-Degree Grant) for the same course for which you're now applying;
- not be enrolled in a correspondence, self-improvement, recreational, peer review, or testing preparatory course; and
- not be enrolled in a course located outside of the United States.

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## How to **Apply**

### The application for the Advancement Grant is available online by following the steps below.

*(If you are not a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen, please contact us for the Advancement Grant Pathway Application.)*

#### **1** Log into your MyVSAC account at [vsac.org](https://vsac.org)

If you don't have a MyVSAC account, click on "Register Now" and follow the instructions to create one.

#### **2** Complete the 2025–2026 Advancement Grant application.

Once you're logged into MyVSAC, click on "Work with Grants" and/or "Submit a Vermont grant application" and follow the instructions to submit the application.

## General **Financial Aid Tips**

- If you filed a 2023 federal income tax return, be sure to send us a copy, including all schedules. Once your application is received, you'll see a link on your To Do List that you can click to upload your tax return directly to us.
- If you are a dependent student, we will request a worksheet for your parent(s) to complete. This worksheet will be mailed to you.
- Print copies of all applications submitted online. Keep photocopies of all paper forms and correspondence you send.
- Be sure to identify all correspondence you send by adding your name and account number.