

This form is only for use by students who are NOT a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.

If you are a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen, please:

1. Log into your [MyVSAC account](#) (if you don't have an account, click "Register Now")
2. Click "Work with Grants"
3. Choose "Apply for a Vermont Grant" in the left-hand menu



Vermont's 2025–2026 Advancement Grant Pathway Application

**For Courses
Beginning
July 1, 2025–
June 30, 2026**

General Information

Complete this application if you are not a U.S. Citizen or Eligible Non-Citizen

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

If you don't have a bachelor's degree and need help with career and education planning, financial aid information, or financial aid forms, call our Outreach department toll-free at 877-961-4369 (or 802-654-3793 in the Burlington area). If you need help completing this application, contact the VSAC Grant Program at the telephone numbers below.

How to Apply

Complete the attached application and return it to VSAC. If you filed a 2023 federal income tax return, attach a copy of your return (and your spouse's, if applicable), including all schedules.

- Applications are considered on a first-come, first-served basis as long as funding is available.
- Applicants will be notified of their eligibility approximately 2–3 weeks after the application is complete.
- If eligible, the amount of the Advancement Grant awarded to a student is calculated based on the student's financial need and the cost of the course, up to a maximum award (based on program type) that is determined each year. Because of limited funds, a student will be considered for only two courses per enrollment term, up to two enrollment terms per year.
- VSAC will contact your school to verify enrollment and costs after your course has started. Once enrollment has been verified, the Advancement Grant will be disbursed directly to your school.

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;
- 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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BURLINGTON AREA
802-654-3750

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Instructions for the 2025–2026 Advancement Grant Pathway Application

(for courses beginning between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026)

Vermont Counties	
ADDISON	LAMOILLE
BENNINGTON	ORANGE
CALEDONIA	ORLEANS
CHITTENDEN	RUTLAND
ESSEX	WASHINGTON
FRANKLIN	WINDHAM
GRAND ISLE	WINDSOR

Section A: Demographic Information

Citizenship (question 12) - choose:

- **U.S. citizen** if you are a U.S. citizen
- **Asylum seeker** if you filed paperwork seeking asylum and have either an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) or a DHS employment Social Security card and number
- **Eligible non-citizen granted parole to enter the U.S.** if you have been granted parole to enter the United States pursuant to 8 U.S.C. 1182 (d)(5) (temporary admission of nonimmigrant for urgent humanitarian reasons)
- **Eligible non-citizen qualifying as a refugee** if you qualify as a refugee pursuant to 8 U.S.C. 1101 (a)(42)
- **Eligible non-citizen granted special immigrant visa** if you have been issued a special immigrant visa pursuant to the Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009, Pub. L. No. 111-8, as amended
- **Other eligible non-citizen** if you are:
 - a permanent U.S. resident with a Permanent Resident Card (I-551); or
 - a conditional permanent resident with a Conditional Green Card (I-551C); or
 - the holder of an Arrival/Departure Record (I-94) from the Department of Homeland Security, showing any one of the following designations: Refugee, Asylum Granted, Parolee (I-94 confirms paroled for a minimum of one year and status has not expired), Cuban-Haitian Entrant, victim of human trafficking, or T visa holder (T-1, T-2, T-3, etc.)
- **None of these** if you aren't any of the options described above

Number of family members in 2025–2026 (question 16):

- Include the total number of people in your household whom you (and your spouse, if applicable) will support in 2025–2026. Include yourself, your spouse, and dependent children who will be receiving more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026.

Section B: Dependency Status

- Answer questions 1–3 for all three years. Answer question 4 for 2025.
- If you answer “Yes” to any of the questions, your parent(s)’ information may be required. If necessary, a worksheet will be sent to you once VSAC receives and processes your application. If you have extenuating circumstances with regard to providing your parent information, please notify us in writing.

Section C: Course Information

- You may apply for an Advancement Grant for two terms in the academic year and up to two courses per term.
- Your enrollment term(s) is determined by the starting date of your course(s). The four possible enrollment terms are: Summer (July–August), Fall (September–December), Winter (January–April), Spring (May–June).
- **Course name:** Enter the full name of the course, not the course code.
- **Mandatory fee:** A fixed cost (such as a registration fee or lab fee) that every student enrolled in the course is charged. Mandatory fees do not include expenses such as books, supplies, credit fees, testing fees, license fees, travel, lodging, or food. If unsure, please call VSAC.
- **Books and supplies:** Include only the costs for books and supplies billed directly by the school.

Section D: Applicant (and Spouse, if applicable) Information

- **Income** (question 3)

Do not leave any questions blank. If the question doesn't apply, please enter “0” or “N/A.” Report all sources of your actual 2023 untaxed income (and your spouse's, if applicable). If you are divorced or separated, be sure to list only your information, as well as any benefits received for your dependent children. (If your income for 2025 will be lower than 2023, please attach a separate letter to request that we use your 2025 income.)

- **Assets** (questions 4–12)

Do not leave any questions blank. If the question doesn't apply, please enter “0” or “N/A.” List the current resale value and the outstanding debt of each asset you own. If you are divorced or separated, be sure to list only your share of the asset and debt.

Section E: Certification and Signatures

Read the certification and sign the application on the line provided.





MAIL COMPLETED FORM TO:

Vermont Student Assistance Corporation

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Winooski, VT 05404-2601

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2025–2026

Advancement Grant Pathway Application

(for courses beginning between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026)

SECTION A: Demographic Information (please print)

1. Applicant's name First Last										Mid. Init.	2. Applicant's Social Security number or ITIN										3. Gender M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> NB <input type="checkbox"/>			4. County														
5. Permanent mailing address (number and street)										City										State		Zip code																
6. Telephone number Area code										7. Date of birth Month Day Year										8. Email address _____																		
9. What is the main language spoken in your household? _____																																						
10. Are you a Vermont resident? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes"—I have lived in VT since: (mm/dd/yyyy)										11. Current status (please check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married/Remarried <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Separated/Divorced																												
12. Are you a/an (see instructions—please check one): <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. citizen <input type="checkbox"/> Asylum seeker <input type="checkbox"/> Eligible non-citizen granted parole to enter the U.S. <input type="checkbox"/> Eligible non-citizen qualifying as a refugee <input type="checkbox"/> Eligible non-citizen granted special immigrant visa <input type="checkbox"/> Other eligible non-citizen <input type="checkbox"/> None of these																																						
13. Do you have a bachelor's degree? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No										14. Do you have a high school diploma or GED? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No"—My last date of attendance in a traditional high school was: (mm/dd/yyyy)																												
15. Do you have children who receive more than half of their support from you? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No										16. Number of family members in 2025–2026 (see instructions): _____																												

SECTION B: Dependency Status

Answer questions 1–3 for all three years. Answer question 4 for 2025.	2023	2024	2025
1. Did/will your parent(s) claim you as a dependant on their federal income tax return?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2. Did/will you receive more than \$3,300 support from your parent(s)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3. Did/will you live with your parent(s) for more than six weeks?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4. Are you an orphan or a ward of the court?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

SECTION C: Course Information

You may apply for an Advancement Grant for a maximum of two enrollment terms per year. The four possible enrollment terms are:

Summer (July–August) **Fall** (September–December) **Winter** (January–April) **Spring** (May–June)

ENROLLMENT TERM #1				
School or program (include full name, address & phone number)	Name of first course (enter full name, not code)	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Tuition \$ _____ Books \$ _____ Mandatory fees \$ _____ Supplies \$ _____	Course length
	Purpose for taking course: <input type="checkbox"/> Employability/Professional devel. <input type="checkbox"/> Prep. for admittance to a degree program <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
	Source and amount of other aid you are receiving for this course:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if course will be held out of the country				
School or program (include full name, address & phone number)	Name of second course (enter full name, not code)	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Tuition \$ _____ Books \$ _____ Mandatory fees \$ _____ Supplies \$ _____	Course length
	Purpose for taking course: <input type="checkbox"/> Employability/Professional devel. <input type="checkbox"/> Prep. for admittance to a degree program <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
	Source and amount of other aid you are receiving for this course:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if course will be held out of the country				

SECTION C: Course Information, continued

ENROLLMENT TERM #2				
School or program (include full name, address & phone number)	Name of first course (enter full name, not code)	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Tuition \$ _____ Books \$ _____ Mandatory fees \$ _____ Supplies \$ _____	Course length
	Purpose for taking course: <input type="checkbox"/> Employability/Professional level. <input type="checkbox"/> Prep. for admittance to a degree program <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
	Source and amount of other aid you are receiving for this course:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if course will be held out of the country				
School or program (include full name, address & phone number)	Name of second course (enter full name, not code)	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Tuition \$ _____ Books \$ _____ Mandatory fees \$ _____ Supplies \$ _____	Course length
	Purpose for taking course: <input type="checkbox"/> Employability/Professional level. <input type="checkbox"/> Prep. for admittance to a degree program <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
	Source and amount of other aid you are receiving for this course:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if course will be held out of the country				

SECTION D: Applicant (and Spouse, if applicable) Information

If you answered "Yes" to any of the questions in Section B, please have your parent(s) complete the Parent Income and Asset Worksheet (we will mail you a copy if one is not received with this application). Do not leave any questions blank; enter "N/A" if a question does not apply.

1. List the yearly amount of child support RECEIVED for the last complete calendar year. If married or remarried, enter the combined amount you and your spouse received:	1. \$ _____
2. Did/will you (or your spouse, if applicable) file a 2023 federal income tax return? If you answered "Yes," submit a copy of your 2023 federal income tax return (and your spouse's, if applicable) with all schedules.	2. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
INCOME: List only the income NOT reported on your (or your spouse's, if applicable) tax return. 3. 2023 untaxed income, including Social Security benefits, welfare benefits such as ANFC, TANF, (Reach Up financial assistance), 3 Squares (food stamps), or fuel assistance	3. \$ _____
ASSETS: Do not leave any blanks. 4. Current savings, checking accounts, and cash on hand (do not include school loan, scholarship, or extra grant funding above and beyond tuition and fees) 5. Home value 6. Home debt 7. Farm value 8. Farm debt 9. Business value 10. Business debt 11. Other real estate/investments value (CDs, trusts, stocks, bonds, securities) 12. Other real estate/investments debt	4. \$ _____ 5. \$ _____ 6. \$ _____ 7. \$ _____ 8. \$ _____ 9. \$ _____ 10. \$ _____ 11. \$ _____ 12. \$ _____

SECTION E: Certification and Signatures

<p>I certify that the information on this application, and on anything else submitted in connection with this application, is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I hereby authorize Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC) to obtain from the appropriate authorities copies of my U.S. and Vermont income tax returns, and all information contained in those returns. I understand that all information I submit will be held in strict confidence, except that VSAC may share the information related to financial need analysis, tax returns, residency, financial aid awards (grants, scholarships, loans, work-study, etc.) and enrollment status with (i) educational institutions, training institutions, colleges, universities, scholarship organizations, (ii) any individual or group considering offering financial assistance in or outside Vermont, (iii) the person signing this application, and (iv) pursuant to applicable law, court order, or proper legal process. I agree to promptly refund and repay to VSAC any Advancement Grant funds awarded that VSAC determines to have been based upon incorrect information supplied on this application, or in anything else submitted or considered in connection with this application.</p> <p>By submitting this application, I agree that VSAC and its agents, service providers, and assignees may monitor and record telephone calls regarding my application to assure the quality of VSAC services or for other appropriate reasons. I agree that VSAC may call me, using an automatic telephone dialing system or otherwise leave me a voice, prerecorded, or artificial voice message, or send me a text, email, or other electronic message for any purpose related to the processing of this application (each a "Communication"). I agree that VSAC may send a Communication to any telephone numbers, including cellular telephone numbers, or e-mail addresses I provided to VSAC in connection with this application or at any time in the future. I acknowledge and confirm that VSAC has the authority to rely on this consent because I am either the subscriber of the telephone number(s) or I am the non-subscriber customary user who has authority to provide the consent. I also agree that VSAC may include my personal information in a Communication. I agree that VSAC will not charge me for a Communication, but my service provider may. In addition, I understand and agree that VSAC may always communicate with me in any manner permissible by law that does not require my prior consent.</p>	
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE:	DATE: