

Workforce Development Funding

A program for training in the skilled trades



An interest-free forgivable loan that pays up to 100% of your tuition, initial licensing and exam fees.

The Vermont Trades Forgivable Loan Program covers up to full tuition, initial licensing fees and exam fees for qualified recipients enrolled in industry-recognized training and certification programs.

- The program is open to Vermont residents and non-resident students with demonstrated financial need.
- Must enroll in an industry recognized training and certification program that leads to a career in select building, mechanical, industrial or medical trade; emergency services, including paramedics; energy, including clean energy, energy efficiency, or weatherization; transportation, including clean transportation; broadband; robotics or other high demand sectors.
- Must register with VT Department of Labor for the purpose of receiving relevant job referrals, if unemployed.
- The award covers full tuition (excluding fees, books, and supplies) up to a maximum amount determined each year. This award can be used to pay for your tuition, initial licensing fees, and exam fees.

Awards are in the form of an interest-free loan that is forgiven when the recipient signs a promissory note and has completed the following work obligations:

Agree to work full-time in their profession in VT for a minimum of one year following licensure or certification completion for each year of funding received.

Deadlines to apply: Applications are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis.

Funding is limited and not guaranteed and is awarded to qualifying applicants on a first-come, first-served basis until all funds have been depleted.

Learn how to apply