

Workforce Grants & Application Workshop

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Today's Agenda

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- **Overview of Workforce Programs**

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- **Complete & Submit Workforce Intake Application**

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- **Review Workforce Student Checklist**

Meet Our Team



Tamara Piñero, Front Desk Manager



Jena McNeley, Financial Aid Specialist



Loretta Newcomer, Program Specialist



Shine Lee, Administrative Assistant

Meet Our Navigators



Chanry Yann
Business, Paralegal, Technology



Dail Rodriguez
Healthcare (Students last name A- R)



Tuyen Huynh
Healthcare (Students last name S-Z),
Transfer, Basic Education for Adults,
English Language Acquisition



Marisa Mezs
Early Childhood Education,
Human Services, Bachelor Programs



Adam Meyers- Lead Navigator



Lorrie Ann- Lead Resource & Outreach Navigator



Pwint KoKo- Lead Navigator

Meet Our On-Campus Community Partners



Career Team: Meet with Audrey for assistance with job search, employment, training resources, and connections to WIOA programs, and other resources.



Northwest Education Access: Meet with Haley to explore educational supports and connect with a NWEa Advocate who can provide guidance and resources tailored to your needs.



United Way- Financial Coach: Meet with Charisma to plan your financial future, focusing on budgeting, expense management, credit building, and savings strategies.

[Community Partners On-Campus](#)

Workforce Education Grants Overview

WorkFirst

Basic Food Employment &
Training (BFET)

Worker Retraining

Opportunity Grant

Early Achievers

WorkFirst Eligibility Requirements

Must Be a Temporary Aid to
Needy Families (TANF) Recipient

Must Be Referred from a
Department of Social and Health
Services (DSHS) Case Manager

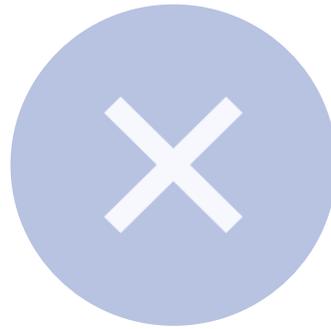
Report Weekly Attendance
in Canvas

**Workfirst can assist with Professional- Technical
Degrees, Certificates, and Specific Academic Transfer
Programs!**

Basic Food Employment & Training (BFET) Eligibility Requirements



Must be Receiving Supplemental
Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)



CANNOT BE RECEIVING TANF



MONTHLY CHECK-INS AND
ANNUAL UPDATE OF INDIVIDUAL
EMPLOYMENT PLAN (IEP) ARE
REQUIRED

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Certificates, and specific Academic Transfer Programs!**

Worker Retraining Eligibility Requirements

Currently Collecting Unemployment

Collected Unemployment in the Last 4 Years

Discharged from Military Service in the Last 4 Years

Closed a State-licensed Business within the Last 4 Years

Became a Displaced Homemaker in the Last 4 Years and are Low-Income

Worker in Need of Skills Upgrade

Opportunity Grant Eligibility Requirements

Must be a
Washington State
Resident
& Enrolled in a
Professional
Technical Training
Program

200 % of
Federal
Poverty Level
2025

Household
Monthly
Income

Household of 1

\$2608.33

Household of 2

\$3525.00

Household of 3

\$4441.67

Household of 4

\$5358.33

Household of 5

\$6275.00

Household of 6

\$7191.67

Early Achievers Grant (EAG) Eligibility Requirements

Early Childhood Education Program only

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| <p>Employed at an Early Achievers Participating Facility.</p> | <p>Employed in an eligible role for 3 months prior to the start of the quarter</p> <p>Eligible Roles: Family Home Owner/Licensee, Center Director, Assistant Director, Program Supervisor, Lead Teacher, Assistant Teacher</p> | <p>Minimum of 10 hours per week or 40 hours per month</p> |
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Quarterly Employment is verified in MERIT.

Workforce funds may assist with:



Tuition



Fees



Books

Grants are for start-up, gap filling, and dependent on budget

Workforce Education Grants

Summary of Key Points



- ✓ **Not full-degree funding:** Workforce grants help *start* programs or *fill gaps* (e.g., tuition/textbooks), not cover entire degrees.
- ✓ **Case-by-Case:** Assistance is provided based on *available funds*, *demonstrated need*, and *alignment with program priorities*.
- ✓ **Student-driven requests:** Funding is *not automatic*. Students must submit Quarterly Funding Request Form each quarter.



Meeting the eligibility criteria does not guarantee funding every quarter.

Programs of Study Supported by Workforce

tacomacc.edu/help/ineedskillstofindaprofessionalcareer



Business, Paralegal, Technology Pathways

- Accounting
- Business
- Network and Cyber Security
- Paralegal



Healthcare Pathways

- Allied Health
- Nursing
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- Radiologic Science
- Respiratory Therapy
- Emergency Medical & Health Services
- Health Information Technology, Medical Billing Specialist, Medical Scribe Certificates



Education & Human Services Pathways

- Early Childhood Education
- Human Services, Substance Use Disorder Professional Certificate



WorkFirst and BFET Grants can help with specific academic transfer programs such as Business DTA, Computer Science, and more. tacomacc.edu/help/transfertocollege

Attend an Information Session to learn more about programs!

Business, Paralegal & Technology

When:
Every 1st Thursday @ 3:30 pm (Zoom) &
3rd Thursday @ 11:30 am (Bldg. 16 Rm 210)

Information Sessions

ACCOUNTING

BUSINESS

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

PARALEGAL

Scan to join zoom or save link:

tacomacc.edu/bus-para-tech

TACOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Interested in Health Programs at TCC?

Sign up for a **Healthcare Pathways Information Session** held in person and virtually

During the session we will:

- Explore the programs
- Discuss entry requirements and important dates
- Learn about career outcomes
- Interactive Q&A and more!

REGISTER NOW

tacomacc.edu/healthcareers

Whether you are a new student inquiring about a career in healthcare, business, technology, or are already enrolled at TCC and looking to change pathways, attending a Pathways Information Session is your chance to learn more about the programs we offer.

Workforce Education also Supports

- **Basic Education for Adults (BEaA) & English Language Acquisition (ELA)**
tacomacc.edu/academics-programs/basic-education/

High School Completion
Programs

Adult Basic Education
Classes

English Language
Acquisition

- **Learning Communities:** In Learning Communities, two or more of your classes are joined into one, and teachers work together to connect their content and support and mentor you.

Allied Health Exploration: An introduction to the delivery of healthcare services and explore the various Allied Health professions while strategizing and sharing successful strategies for the college classroom, clinical environment, and taking care of your own emotional and physical wellbeing.

Career and College Pathway Academy (CCPA) : Helps students with career exploration and allows them to get college credit in required classes while still completing prerequisites.

Financial Aid

All Workforce Students Must Complete FAFSA or WASFA Each Year.

FAFSA/WASFA

FAFSA- Free Application for Federal Student Aid

WASFA- Washington Application for State Financial Aid

FAFSA & WASFA Completion Assistance:

Khushnum Sauna
253-722-3429
ksauna@mdc-hope.org

FAFSA/WASFA Tips

Complete NOW

Submission is only complete once:

- ✓ FAFSA/WASFA is submitted
- ✓ You've applied to TCC
- ✓ All requested documents are turned in

Helpful Hints

Visit **TCC Financial Aid website for updates**
[TCC Financial Aid Page](#)

Self- enroll in Financial Aid and Planning Canvas Course

Check Your Student Email Regularly

Monitor your ctcLink, "To Do" list

Complete any requested documents promptly

Keep in mind

Grants : Free money; no repayment if you maintain academic progress.

Scholarships: Free money; based on merit, need, talent, or field of study.

Federal/State Work-study: Earn aid through part-time work; limited availability.

Loans: Must be repaid with interest.

Student Resources

The links below connect you to academic tools, life resources, student events, and more—including guides for ctcLink, Canvas, TCC email, and other online systems.



[TCC On- Campus Help](#)

[The Center for Student Advocacy & Cultural support](#)



[TCC Career Center](#)

[WorkSource Pierce](#)



[Workforce Resources Page](#)

[Community Partners On-Campus](#)



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