



West Virginia Invests is a state-funded grant program that covers the full cost of basic tuition and fees for select certificate and associate degree programs at a West Virginia public two- or four-year institution. Priority is given to programs in high-demand fields, such as information technology or healthcare, as determined by the West Virginia Department of Commerce. This is a last-dollar-in program, meaning that it will pay for any amount up to the total cost of tuition and fees that isn't already covered by other state or federal grants or scholarships.

**You may qualify for a West Virginia Invests Grant if you:**

- Were a legal resident of West Virginia for at least 1 year immediately before applying;
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen for federal financial aid;
- Are a graduate of a public, private or homeschool program, or have successfully passed a high school equivalency test;
- Have not already earned a college degree (associate level or higher) or have attempted 90 or more college credit hours;
- Be in compliance with the college's Satisfactory Academic Progress policy; for renewal you must also have a 2.0 cumulative grade point average;
- Have completed the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**;
- Not be in default on a federal student loan;
- Are willing to make a commitment to improving the state by living in West Virginia for at least two years after graduation and completing at least 2 hours of unpaid community service each academic term;
- Meet the minimum admissions requirements at **an eligible institution** and register for at least 6 credit hours; and
- Pay for and **pass a drug screening** before the start of each academic term you are receiving an award. You have a 60 day window prior to the start of each term to pass the drug screen.

**Once you receive a West Virginia Invests grant, you'll have to meet a few simple requirements to remain eligible for future awards. These requirements include:**

- Completing an annual Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the West Virginia Invests Grant application each year.
- Maintaining a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 (a 'C' average) on all coursework and be in compliance with your college's Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy.
- Maintaining continuous enrollment for at least 6 credit hours each semester until you earn your certificate or degree.
- Passing a drug test prior to the beginning of each term in which grant funding is received.
- Complete two hours of community service each term in which funds are received and verify with your institution.
- Once you meet the requirements for an associate's degree or reach 90 attempted college credit hours, you will no longer be eligible.

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