

Financial Resources While in Classroom Training

Please Note: The information disclosed on this document can periodically change and is updated to the best of our ability. Please reach out to the individual sources of interest directly for the most up-to-date information, eligibility and requirements.

- **College Scholarships** (Check with school's financial aid office):

Monroe Community College

<https://monroecc.academicworks.com/>

The College at Brockport

<https://www.brockport.edu/scholarships-aid/>

Genesee Community College

<https://www.genesee.edu/pay-for-college/financial-aid/scholarships/>

Finger Lakes Community College Scholarships

<https://www.flcc.edu/scholarships/>

Bryant & Stratton College

<https://www.bryantstratton.edu/financial-aid/scholarships>

Rochester Institute of Technology

<https://www.rit.edu/admissions/aid/merit-based-scholarships>

- **Adult Career Education and Diploma Program (ACED)**

allows adult students to attend a career training class at the same time they are preparing to earn their High School Equivalency (HSE) diploma. With this innovative program, students prepare to enter the workplace with highly sought-after skills while at the same time acquiring the necessary reading, writing and mathematical skills to be workplace ready

(Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES: Building maintenance, Microsoft Office Specialist, Culinary Arts)

<http://www.monroe2cwd.edu/>

- **Monroe Community College's Middle Skills Bridge Program**

This program is designed to create a pipeline of college ready individuals, from Rochester's urban centers, prepared to successfully participate in career-oriented college programs.

This free 10 week Accelerated and Personalized college preparedness program includes instruction in arithmetic, algebra, reading, and writing skills. [Middle Skills Bridge Program](#)

- **Employee Assistance Benefit Programs**

Several employer and Local Unions offer tuition assistance programs for their employees.

Local 1199 <https://www.1199seiubenefits.org/>

NYS & CSEA Partnership for Education and Training

The Partnership's Tuition Benefits Program provides educational benefits to CSEA-represented New York State employees, enabling them to achieve greater career mobility, qualify for promotional opportunities, improve job skills, and prepare for future state workforce needs. *Some programs include IT, CDL, LPN, RN*

(Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES, Monroe #1 BOCES, SUNY Empire State College, Excelsior College, The College at Brockport/SUNY, MCC, FLCC, GCC, GVB BOCES)

Local 1000 <https://www.nyscseapartnership.org/NYS-CSEA-Employees/TuitionBenefits.cfm>

- **Payment Plans**—Some colleges and vocational schools offer monthly payment plans. Ask the financial advisor at your school about the availability of a payment plan.
- **Other Grants and Scholarships**—Check with your school’s financial aid office. Other resources: www.finaid.org, www.racf.org, www.thesalliemafund.org/scholarships, and www.careeronestop.org
- **Section 599 of New York State Unemployment Insurance Law**—Allows you to attend an approved classroom training program while receiving your regular Unemployment benefit. <https://dol.ny.gov/599-program>
- **Federal Pell and New York State TAP Grants**—Apply at <https://www.hesc.ny.gov/applying-aid/fafsa-guidance> and www.hesc.ny.gov, respectively.
- **ACCES-VR (Formally known as VESID)**—For individuals with disabilities. www.acces.nysed.gov/vr/ If you are a RochesterWorks! member, you may stop in and ask about meeting with our on-site ACCES counselor.
- **Veterans’ Benefits**—Stop into one of our RochesterWorks! Career Centers, and meet with a Veterans’ Representative to see if you may be eligible for training funds. http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/education_programs.asp
- **Tuition-Free Training Programs**—Some schools, such as SUNY Rochester Educational Opportunity Center, offer tuition-free training to individuals who qualify. You only pay for books, uniforms, and equipment.
- **IRS Tax Credits and Deductions**—If you pay for higher education expenses using your own savings or a loan, You may be able to claim an American Opportunity or Lifetime Learning Credit for the qualified tuition and related expenses of the students in your family. Alternatively, you may be able to claim a tuition deduction of up to \$4,500 of qualified education expenses paid during the year for yourself, your spouse, or your dependent. You may also be able to deduct interest you pay on a qualified student loan. <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/tax-benefits-for-education-information-center>
- **RochesterWorks! Training Grant**—Sign up for the Training Grant Information Workshop online at <https://elearning.rochesterworks.org/public-courses/training-grant>
- **Excelsior Scholarship Program:** [Excelsior Scholarship Program | HESC](#) Students from families earning \$125,000 or less can attend a state-operated SUNY or CUNY college tuition-less (See: link for qualifications to apply).
- **SUNY Reconnect:** <https://www.suny.edu/communitycollege/free-cc/> Free community college for adult learners at SUNY. Now free for New Yorkers 25-55 with no degree
- **Career Pathways Program:** <https://healthcareersnow.org/cpt/> The Career Pathways Training (CPT) Program offers education and training opportunities without financial burden.

The CPT Program is your partner in success. Our team is dedicated to supporting you throughout your training and beyond