

Postsecondary Training Services Information

2026-2027 Academic School Year

All participants interested in receiving postsecondary assistance from VR must apply for federal and state financial aid by filing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year. The FAFSA must be filed before VR can determine assistance for any postsecondary training program, and participants should file the FAFSA by the Indiana priority filing deadline of April 15th each year. More information about the FAFSA process is available at <https://learnmoreindiana.org/fafsa/> and <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>.

As a result of the FAFSA Simplification Act, the Student Aid Index (SAI) replaced the Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The Act required institutions of higher education to transition from the EFC to the SAI beginning in the 2024-25 academic year. Participants' SAI is a consideration when VR calculates funding for postsecondary training, except for participants who have been determined eligible for Social Security benefits under Titles II or XVI of the Social Security Act.

VR works with the participant and financial aid office of the participant's postsecondary institution to gather information regarding the resources available for postsecondary expenses, such as grants, scholarships, federal and state aid. To determine the amount of assistance VR can provide for postsecondary training, VR subtracts the participant's resources, including the SAI, from the lesser of either the published rates and tuition costs of the training institution or program the participant is attending, or the rates established by the VR program. If a participant receives a scholarship that is unrestricted and chooses to use it for an expense that VR does not cover, it will not be considered a resource. The amount of assistance provided to each participant will vary based on individual circumstances.

VR will consider the cost of commuting to school OR in some cases, depending on the participant's circumstances, the cost of room and board, up to the annually established rates. Rates are established based on the cost to attend an in-state public training institution. Participants who choose to attend a higher cost program, such as a private or out-of-state postsecondary institution, are responsible for costs that exceed the annually established rates for postsecondary training services.

The rates below represent the maximum allowable costs for vocational training programs per VR case:

Vocational Training Programs Rates for July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027		
Short-Term Certification Program <i>A certification program or a combination of 2 or more certification programs when combined can be completed in 6 months or less (assuming full-time enrollment).</i>	Tuition/Fees	\$6,071 program maximum
	Books/Materials	\$660 program maximum
	Room/Board	\$7,199 program maximum
Long-Term Certification Program <i>A certification program or a combination of 2 or more certification programs when combined can be completed in 7 or more months (assuming full-time enrollment).</i>	Tuition/Fees	\$12,142 program maximum
	Books/Materials	\$1,320 program maximum
	Room/Board	\$14,398 program maximum

The rates below represent the maximum allowable costs for undergraduate and graduate training services for 2026-2027:

Undergraduate and Graduate Training Programs Rates for the 2026-27 Academic Year		
Undergraduate Tuition/Fees (Associate or Bachelor Degree)	Semester	\$506 per credit hour, up to \$6,071
	Quarter	\$380 per credit hour, up to \$4,554
	Trimester	\$438 per credit hour, up to \$5,248
	Summer	\$407 per credit hour, up to \$3,664
Graduate Tuition/Fees (Graduate Degree)	Semester	\$617 per credit hour, up to \$7,402
	Quarter	\$463 per credit hour, up to \$5,552
	Trimester	\$572 per credit hour, up to \$6,853
	Summer	\$658 per credit hour, up to \$5,918
Books and Materials	Semester	Up to \$660
	Quarter	Up to \$495
	Trimester	Up to \$622

	Summer	Up to \$546
Room and Board	Semester	Up to \$7,199
	Quarter	Up to \$5,399
	Trimester	Up to \$6,416
	Summer	Up to \$4,851

A participant may submit a written request to the VR program for an exception to the rate schedule if their disability-related needs for accessing postsecondary education to meet their employment outcome cannot be met applying the rate schedule.