**FastForward**
Will pay two thirds of the full cost of any approved program. (Additional aid options available)

Student must be a **Virginia resident for the last 12 months** (Domiciled in Virginia) and complete the application to qualify.

FastForward Programs (Workforce Credential Grant) have been identified as preparatory training programs for credentials in high-demand professions. Virginia domiciled residents can take these programs by paying 1/3 of the actual cost with no additional cost, provided they successfully complete the program.

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**FANTIC**
Financial Aid for Noncredit Industry Credentials
Will pay the full first third of any FastForward Program
(Effective January 1 - June 30, 2021)

Student must be a **Virginia resident for the last 12 months** (Domiciled in Virginia) and complete the application and provide documentation verifying financial need to qualify.

This program is income based if your current adjusted income is at or below 400% of the Federal Poverty Guideline you may qualify.

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**VCEDA**
Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority
Will pay first third of VCEDA approved classes.

Student must be a **Virginia resident for the last 12 months** (Domiciled in Virginia) and live in one of the following counties or cities in the Coalfield Region: Lee, Scott, Wise, Dickenson, City of Norton, Russell, Buchanan, and Tazewell.

Contact Vicki Rutledge (vrutledge@mecc.edu) or Lee Davis (leedavis@mecc.edu) for information.

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**VRSA**
Virginia Ready State Aid
Will pay first third of specific FastForward Program PLUS $1,000 if student obtains the related credential.

Student must be a **Virginia resident** (domiciled in Virginia) and apply to become a **Virginia Ready Scholar**, be approved, and complete an application meeting one of the following criteria:

- unemployed; or
- Eligible for FANTIC or current adjusted income is at or below 400% of the Federal Poverty Guideline; or
- Currently earning less than $15/hour and working less than 30 hours a week; or
- Currently earning less than $15/hour and unable to access employer benefits for medical coverage and/or paid time off

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**Federal Poverty Guidelines 2020**

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**REV - Re Employing Virginia**
Will pay full first third of any G3 FastForward Program.

Student must be a **Virginia Resident** (Domiciled in Virginia) and complete simple application with two criteria:

1. Lost their job due to COVID-19 and received state unemployment benefits on or after August 1, 2020
2. Business where they worked closed, they were laid off from full-time, now working part-time and earn less than $15/hour

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**Outside sources available to students**

**WIOA**
Workforce Innovation Act
*Can pay tuition, gas reimbursement, childcare, etc.*

Student must meet WIOA eligibility requirements. Contact case manager for more information. Case manager based on county of student residence.

**RSVP**
Road to Success in Virginia Program
*Can pay gas, clothing, tools, etc.*

Student must be a **Virginia resident** (domiciled in Virginia), complete application, and provide documentation verifying financial need.

Contact Trey Hall for information and application. (thall@mecc.edu)