

DVR TRAINING GRANT INFORMATION

The DVR training grant is used to provide funding to DVR consumers attending university, college, and technical college programs. Before DVR can award a Training Grant to you, you must apply for financial aid. You should complete a free application for federal financial aid at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> as soon as possible after January 1. You do not need to have your taxes completed to file a FAFSA.

If you have not applied, it is important that you apply as soon as possible. If you do not, your DVR Training Grant may be reduced or may not be available at all.

When you apply for financial aid, it is also important that you answer questions about your income truthfully.

If you receive financial aid from the college or university you plan to attend, you may get grants, loans and/or work-study. The financial aid award notice may also show "unmet need." The unmet need amount in your financial aid award letter will help DVR determine how much your DVR Training Grant will be. DVR funds will be applied in most cases to your student account at your school directly. This payment process may take several weeks. If there are excess funds, your school may provide a check to you after the balance in your account is paid.

If you get more financial aid award money than you need for your school expenses, that is called an "over-award." If you get an over-award, you may have to pay back the extra money, even if you have already spent it. To make sure that does not happen, DVR needs to coordinate your DVR Training Grant funds with other funds awarded from your school's financial aid office.

Before you can receive a DVR Training Grant, you need to sign a DVR Training Grant - Information Form with your DVR counselor so that DVR can share Training Grant award information with your school's financial aid office. You can get this form from your DVR counselor.

Due to different policies related to use of DVR Training Grant funds for book purchases, you should be prepared to be able to pay for books at the start of the semester and not count on getting DVR funds or other financial aid to pay for your books. It may take several weeks for DVR or other funds to be provided to you.

If you do not apply for financial aid or if you do not give permission to your school and DVR to share information about your financial aid, DVR cannot give you a Training Grant.

In this packet you will find a Responsibility Checklist. You are responsible for making sure that all of the steps on the checklist are completed. If you do not, it might affect your financial aid and/or your DVR Training Grant.