

Re-Employing Virginians Education Voucher  
**AS OF JANUARY 8, 2021**

<p><b>What is the Re-Employing Virginians (REV) Training Voucher?</b></p>	<p>In April 2020, Congress passed, and the President signed, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). Each state received CARES Act funds to address costs related to the public health emergency created by the pandemic, as well as to provide economic support to individuals suffering from unemployment due to COVID-19 business closures.</p> <p>Governor Ralph Northam has made available \$27M of Virginia’s Coronavirus Relief Fund to provide one-time Re-Employing Virginians (REV) Training Vouchers to Virginians whose jobs have been impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.</p>
<p><b>Who is eligible?</b></p>	<p>The signed brief from the Governor’s Office defines eligibility as follows:</p> <p><i>In order to be eligible for a training voucher as provided by this request, an applicant must have received unemployment benefits on or after August 1, 2020, or must certify that they are working in a part-time job with an hourly wage under \$15 after losing a full-time job due to COVID-19.</i></p>
<p><b>Is an individual who works part-time eligible?</b></p>	<p>Yes, if the individual was laid off from a full-time job due to COVID-19 and is now working in a part-time job with an hourly wage under \$15.</p> <p>(DACA students and dual enrollment students are not eligible.)</p>
<p><b>How does an individual prove eligibility?</b></p>	<p>Individuals must self-certify their eligibility by signing a form attesting that they received Virginia unemployment benefits on or after August 1, 2020 (applicants don’t have to be newly unemployed on/after August 1, benefits may have started prior), or they were laid off from a full-time job because of COVID-19 and currently earn less than \$15 per hour working part-time.</p> <p>(Additional verification of unemployment with the Virginia Employment Commission may be required.)</p>
<p><b>What does the REV Training Voucher pay for?</b></p>	<p>For qualifying students, the REV Training Voucher will be pay for tuition and fees for a short-term FastForward workforce program or for one semester of a credit</p>

	workforce education program offered by Virginia’s Community Colleges.
<b>What training programs are eligible?</b>	An individual may use the REV Training Voucher to enroll in a community college program designed to prepare for work in any one of five essential and high-demand industries: technology/IT; manufacturing and skilled trades; healthcare; early childhood education; and public safety.
<b>How much does the REV Training Voucher pay?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to \$1,500 toward the cost of the tuition and fees for enrollment in a short-term FastForward workforce program.</li> <li>• Up to \$1,500 toward the cost of tuition and fees for part-time enrollment (11 semester hours or less) in a credit workforce education program.</li> <li>• Up to \$3,000 toward the cost of tuition and fees for full-time enrollment (12 hours or more) in a credit workforce education program.</li> </ul> <p>Please note that funds are available on a first-come, first-serve basis, and must be used in a single semester.</p>
<b>Does acceptance of a REV Training Voucher impact my unemployment benefits?</b>	No, acceptance of the REV Training Voucher is a benefit that does not impact an individual’s unemployment benefits. The voucher is not considered income.
<b>Is there a deadline for enrollment?</b>	Yes. Funding for the REV Training Voucher expires on December 31, 2021. This deadline extension was announced in January 2021.
<b>Are REV Training Vouchers available to students who enrolled in a community college this summer?</b>	Yes, an eligible student can enroll in qualified classes for spring, summer or fall semesters in 2021.
<b>Can an individual receive more than one REV Training Voucher?</b>	No; these are one-time vouchers and must be used within a single semester.
<b>Does the education program need to conclude before the end of 2021?</b>	If you qualify for a REV grant, you should make use of it as soon as possible and assume that the end of the fall 2021 semester represents the end of eligible program courses.
<b>How can I find out more about REV Grants and whether I qualify?</b>	The easiest way is to use the inquiry form at <a href="http://vccs.edu/REV">vccs.edu/REV</a> . When you fill in the form, you’ll be put in touch with a college navigator at your local community college, who has information about REV Grants and other financial assistance that might be available to you to improve your skills and secure a better job.