

Postsecondary Training Services Information
2024-2025 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) 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>.

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 will provide for postsecondary services, VR subtracts the participant’s resources from the lesser of either the published rates and tuition costs of the training institution or program a participant attends, 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 factors including the amount of aid available, full- or part-time attendance and the institution attended.

Depending on the participant’s circumstances, the location of the postsecondary institution, and the availability of comparable training, VR may consider the cost of room and board, up to the annually established rates, OR in other circumstances VR may consider the cost of daily commuting to school. Participants who choose to attend a private or out-of-state postsecondary institution are responsible for costs that exceed the annually established rates for postsecondary training services.

Due to the FAFSA Simplification Act, the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is no longer used. The Act requires institutions of higher education to transition from the EFC to the Student Aid Index (SAI) beginning 2024-25 academic year. During this transition VR will not consider the SAI as a resource when calculating VR funding for the 2024-25 academic year. *Changes resulting from the FAFSA Simplification Act are being evaluated and participants, other than those who have been determined eligible for Social Security benefits under Titles II or XVI of the Social Security Act, should anticipate their SAI will be considered when VR calculates funding for postsecondary training services beginning with the 2025-26 academic year.*

The rates which represent the maximum allowable costs for postsecondary services for 2024-25 are:

Undergraduate 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
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
Books and Materials	Semester	Up to \$625
	Quarter	Up to \$469
	Trimester	Up to \$589
Room and Board	Semester	Up to \$6,992
	Quarter	Up to \$5,244
	Trimester	Up to \$5,662

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