



## Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Training Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### **1. What is the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act?**

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), signed into law on July 22, 2014, is the first legislative reform of the public workforce system in 15 years. WIOA presents an extraordinary opportunity to improve job and career options for our nation's workers and job-seekers through an integrated, job-driven public workforce system that links diverse talent to businesses. It supports the development of strong, vibrant regional economies where businesses thrive and people want to live and work.

The three main goals of the program are to improve the quality of workforce, reduce welfare dependency, and enhance the productivity and competitiveness of the nation's economy. These goals can all be accomplished by providing the appropriate resources, training and support services to individuals with significant barriers to obtaining or retaining employment in an occupation that will enable them to become self-sufficient.

### **2. What educational opportunities are available through WIOA?**

Individuals interested in training for a new career may be eligible for assistance through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Available services are based on need determination and include; tuition assistance, books allowance, uniforms/supplies and vocational guidance.

Current WIOA scholarship funds target individuals who complete training no later than June 30, 2019. Individuals completing training sooner may receive priority. All awards are contingent upon funds available.

### **3. Are there any limitations on programs or schools I can choose for training?**

Eligible individuals wishing to pursue training under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act must choose a program from our Approved Eligible Training Provider List.

<http://www.wioainoregon.org/eligible-training-providers.html>

#### 4. How do I become eligible?

In order to become eligible, you must be:

- Be fully registered with WorkSource Oregon (see instructions below)
- Reside in Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Benton or Lincoln County
- Be registered with Selective Services for males
- Submit FAFSA (if applicable) prior to applying for a WIOA scholarship
- Complete training by June 30, 2020
- Maintain contact with a Talent Development Specialist throughout training and work search, with the goal of obtaining employment in the target occupation immediately after graduation.

#### 5. How do I apply for assistance through WIOA?

**Step 1.** Register online with WorkSource Oregon

<http://www.oregon.gov/employ/pages/default.aspx>

Create/Update your iMatchSkills® account *under "Unemployment", choose "iMatchSkills® Register/Login"*

**Step 2.** Call the respective WorkSource Oregon telephone number below to set up appointment with a Talent Development Specialist.

**Step 3.** Meet in person with Talent Development Specialist at WorkSource Oregon (please **bring your ID** to this appointment)

\*\*\*If you have any questions about registering or updating your registration on iMatchSkills, please contact us.

WorkSource Oregon- Astoria 450 Marine Dr. Suite  
140 Astoria, OR 97103 (503) 325-9511 ext 308

WorkSource Oregon- Corvallis 4170 SW Research  
Way Corvallis, OR 97333 (541) 757-4299

WorkSource Oregon- Newport 120 NE Avery St.  
Newport, OR 97365 (541) 265-8891 ext 339

WorkSource Oregon- St. Helens 500 N. Columbia  
River Hwy. St Helens, OR 97051 (503) 397-649 ext 207

WorkSource Oregon- Tillamook 2101 5th St.  
Tillamook, OR 97141 (503) 842-4488 ext 329

WorkSource Oregon-Lincoln City 4157 NW US 101  
Ste. 250 Lincoln City OR 97367 (541) 934-4562

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