



Opportunity *Grants*

Connecting to options in education.

Are you attending a **technical college**?

Want to find employment in a **high-demand industry** upon graduation?

Opportunity Grants can help!

Opportunity Grants offers tuition assistance and support services for qualified individuals with barriers to higher education. Those who qualify for Opportunity Grants may be authorized to receive up to \$1,000 in tuition assistance and up to \$250 in vouchers for support services such as uniforms, tools, licensure exam fees, transportation assistance, and child care assistance.

To be eligible you must be:

- 18 years or older;
- Employed but have not reached self-sufficiency, and are at or below 200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines OR in temporary lay-off status (with documentation);
- In possession of a high school diploma or equivalent; and
- Enrolled half-time or less ($\frac{1}{2}$ time is 6-8 credits, 1-5 credits is less than $\frac{1}{2}$) in technical college classes (full-time college enrollees are not eligible for Opportunity Grants).

Training must be:

- In a demand occupation OR in support of regional sector strategies including healthcare, advanced manufacturing, biotechnology, information technology and energy;
- Through the technical college system; and
- Toward gaining a certificate/credential.

How to apply:

- Complete Opportunity Grant application.
- Mail back to Workforce Connections, Inc., P.O. Box 2908, La Crosse, WI 54602-2908.
- Applicant will be contacted by telephone and/or email for eligibility screening.
- For more information, please contact Wanda at (608) 789-5645.

