MAIN FUNDING OPTIONS

Thanks to public and private grants from our job service partners, most MTFS students can take training classes for free.

To qualify, students need to meet certain requirements. You may be eligible if you:

- Are a person of color
- Don't have a high school diploma
- Don't have stable housing
- Have been unemployed for 15 or more weeks in the past year
- Have a criminal record

Other ways you might qualify include:

- Having a low income (at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level)
- Living with a disability
- Having limited reading, writing, or math skills
- Getting benefits like unemployment (UI), SNAP, TANF, MFIP, DWP, free or reduced lunch, or SSI/SSDI
- Being a military spouse
- Being hurt or sick in a way that keeps you from working
- Having trouble with basic skills

MAIN FUNDING OPTIONS CONTINUED

Paying for MTFS Training

If you're already in a Minnesota WIOA workforce program, you can take MTFS training! MTFS is approved by WIOA, licensed by the Minnesota Office of Higher Education, and listed on the Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL). Talk to your job counselor about signing up for MTFS classes.

MTFS is both a school and a job training center. There are different ways to pay for training:

- You can pay for it yourself
- A partner organization might cover the cost
- You may be able to get a grant

If you want to pay on your own, course prices are on our website and on the Minnesota ETPL.

Please note there are no refunds—once you pay, it's final.

Important: All funding must be fully approved before you can start training at MTFS.

GRANT PROGRAMS AND FACTORS OF ELIGIBILITY

Employment Service Provider Partner Programs:

- Dislocated Worker Program
- Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act
- Vocational Rehab
- MAC - V
- Minnesota Careerforce Centers
- HIRED
- Project Pride for the Living (PPL)
- Jewish Family Children Services (JFCS)
- Minnesota Teamsters
- Minnesota Training Partners
- Goodwill Easter – Seals
- Emerge
- Avivo
- East Side Neighborhood Services
- Neighbors Inc.
- and more.

Our **employment service providers** have their own separate **enrollment process**, which is different from MTFS.

If you are already enrolled in one of these programs, just **fill out the Minnesota Tech for Success application** (step one) and give us your **employment counselor or case manager's contact information**.

Factors of Eligibility for Grants:

- individual of color
- individual lacking stable housing
- individual with a criminal record
- individual with disabilities
- individual without a high school diploma
- individual unemployed for 15 of the 52 last weeks
- individual at or below 200% of FPL
- individual with limited skills proficiency
- Individual receiving unemployment insurance benefits/UI
- Individual receiving TANF/MFIP/DWP
- Individual receiving SNAP
- Individual receiving Free or Reduced Lunch
- Individual receiving SSI/SSDI Benefits
- Qualified military spouses
- basic skills deficiency
- non-work-related injuries or illnesses.