

Training Funding Options

An ISEEK/Training Resource Center Alert

This list of training funding options was compiled in response to a training request from a metro area dislocated worker counselor. It is focused on opportunities for working adults and nontraditional students.

ISEEK is not responsible for nor endorses the programs listed below. Be aware of possible scams and fee-based scholarship finders.

To use this list:

- Click on the blue text find out more information about each option
- Learn general tips for researching and applying for scholarships and other training funding options at www.iseek.org/education/scholarships.html
- To edit or add to this list, contact ISEEK's Training Resource Center at www.iseek.org/trc/help/

Scholarships and Grant Lists

• Minnesota Training Institutions:

- Minnesota Office of Higher Education (MOHE):
www.getreadyforcollege.org/sPagesGR/scholarshipsAll.cfm

• Military/Veterans/Families and Ethnic/Minority (Many are occupational focused):

- ISEEK: www.iseek.org/education/scholarships.html
- MOHE: www.getreadyforcollege.org/gPg.cfm?pageID=1283

• Minnesota-based:

- CareerOneStop: www.careeronestop.org/EducationTraining/Pay/Scholarships.aspx

General Grants and Scholarships

Training Fund & Provider	Description of Training Fund	Website Link
Alliss Grants Minnesota State Colleges & Universities	Helps adult learners begin or return to college. Available to all new Minnesota community college students who qualify, and not based on family income	www.mnscu.edu/students/specialprograms/alliss.html
Federal Pell Grants U.S. Department of Education	Usually awarded to undergraduate students who have not earned a bachelor's or professional degree. (May be awarded to a student enrolled in post-baccalaureate teacher program.)	http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/PellGrants.jsp
Scholarship Program Minnesota Jobs.com	Available to all students who are currently enrolled, have been accepted to, or are planning to enroll in an accredited two or four-year Minnesota undergraduate program	www.minnesotajobs.com/scholarships/
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants U.S. Department of Education	Awarded to undergraduates with exceptional financial need. Pell Grant recipients with lowest expected family contribution are considered first	http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/campusaid.jsp#01

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Veterans and their Families

Training Fund & Provider	Description of Training Fund	Website Link
Tuition Support Today's Military.com	Tuition Assistance, Post-9/11 GI Bill and college-fund programs	www.todaysmilitary.com/benefits/tuition-support
Yellow Ribbon Program U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs	For those who served after 9/10/01 or were discharged and served 30 days after 9/10/01. Make sure your institution is involved	www.gibill.va.gov/gi_bill_info/CH33/Yellow_ribbon.htm
Minnesota Veterans, Spouses & Dependents U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs	Comprehensive list of military scholarships for service members, spouses and their dependents	www.mymilitaryeducation.org/
Datatel Angelfire Datatel Scholars Foundation	Awarded to soldiers who served in the U.S. military and are attending a Datatel-client institution	www.datatelscholars.org/home/

Chambers of Commerce

Training Fund & Provider	Description of Training Fund	Website Link
Career Path Scholarship Program TwinWest Foundation	Designed to help working adults advance their careers, continue their education, and further strengthen their skills	www.twinwest.com/
Upper Midwest Economic Development Course Grant Minnesota Economic Development Foundation (MEDF)	Scholarship for the Upper Midwest Economic Development Course, a comprehensive educational experience on the theory and practice of economic development fundamentals	www.edamfoundation.org/umdbasiccourse.html
Community Internship Grants Minnesota Economic Development Foundation	Grants to communities to cover a portion of the cost to employ an intern that will focus principally on economic development related work	www.edamfoundation.org/communityinternships.html
International Economic Development Council (IEDC) & National Development Council (NDC) Scholarships MEDF	Grants to offset coursework costs and expenses leading to the completion of the Certified Economic Developer exam through the IEDC and the Certified Economic Development Finance Professional designation through the NDC	www.edamfoundation.org/advancedediedcndc.html
Vocational/Technical Scholarship Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce	Scholarships awarded to students who have applied and been accepted into a two- or four-year school	www.grandmn.com/updates/Workforce%20Development/pdf/2010%20Scholarship.pdf

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Women and Minorities

Training Fund & Provider	Description of Training Fund	Website Link
Jeannette Rankin Women's Scholarship Fund	Awarded to low-income women 35+ years	www.rankinfoundation.org/impact/who-we-help
Women in Need The Educational Foundation for Women in Accounting	Awarded to reentry women pursuing a degree in accounting	www.efwa.org/witwin.htm
Linda Lael Miller Scholarships	Awarded to nontraditional women 25+ years	www.lindalaelmiller.com/scholarships/scholarships.asp
Purpose Prize AARP	Awarded to adults 60+ years making extraordinary contributions in their community	www.encore.org/prize#h_492#p_home
Women's Opportunity Awards Soroptimist	Helps women entering or returning to the workforce to obtain education and skills training to improve their employment status	www.soroptimist.org
Scholarship for Continuing Education Raise the Nation	Single-parent women who would like to resume their schooling	www.raisetheNation.org/
New Horizons Scholarships Royal Neighbors of America	For women 35+ years from a nonprofit insurance organization dedicated to giving back to their communities	www.royalneighbors.org/Membership/Scholarships.aspx
Adult Students in Scholastic Transition Executive Women International	For adults in the community in transitional situations	www.ewiconnect.com/ScriptContent/community/comm_scholarship.cfm
Women's Scholarship Program AARP	For women 40+ years seeking new job skills, training and educational opportunities to support themselves and their families	www.aarp.org/states/ma/articles/Scholarships_Available_for_Women_Age_40_.html
Displaced Homemaker Scholarship Association on American Indian Affairs	For American Indian men and women who were unable to complete educational goals due to family responsibilities	www.indian-affairs.org

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Professions/Occupations

Training Fund & Provider	Description of Training Fund	Website Link
Directory of Minnesota Business and Professional Associations J.J. Hill Reference Library	List of associations that might offer funding or scholarships. Research the associations by profession or subject	www.jjhill.org/resources/guides/Associations2008.pdf
Cancer Biology Training Grants University of Minnesota	Predocctoral and postdoctoral research opportunities in laboratory-based research at the Masonic Cancer Center	www.cancer.umn.edu/outreach/cbtraininggrant.html
Biomedical Training Grants University of Minnesota	Graduate student opportunities at the University of Minnesota funded from training grants awarded to faculty and graduate programs	www.med.umn.edu/orbs/TrainingGrants/home.html
Health Care Grants National Genome Project	Competitive scholarships for students from disadvantaged backgrounds committed to careers in biomedical, behavioral, and social science health-related research	www.genome.gov/12011156
American Association of Cereal Chemists International	Undergraduate scholarships and graduate fellowships to students excelling in studies relevant to grain-based food science and technology	http://www.aacnet.org/foundation/awardees.asp
American Institute of Architects Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Henry Adams Medal/Certificate Program * AIA/AAF Minority/Disadvantaged * AIA Component Matching Grant Program * ProNet David W. Lakamp AIA * Corporate Architects and Facility Management Scholarship * Jason Pettigrew Memorial ARE * Gensler African American Internship and Scholarship Program 	www.aia.org/education/AIAS075223
Scholars Education Program Association for Operations Management (APICS)	Student members of APICS receive a stipend to attend the APICS International Conference & Expo	www.apics.org/Education/ERFoundation/Competitions/Participate+in+the+APICS+Scholars+Educational+Program.htm

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Nontraditional/Returning Students

Training Fund & Provider	Description of Training Fund	Website Link
Scholars Foundation Datatel	Awarded to current students at a Datatel-client institute	www.datatelscholars.org/
Non-Traditional Student Scholarship American Legion Auxiliary	For students returning to school after interrupted formal schooling; Must be a member or child of a member of the American Legion	www.legion-aux.org/Scholarships/NonTraditionalStudent/index.aspx
Life Enrichment Royal Neighbors of America	Applicants must be over 21 and pursuing short-term coursework	www.royalneighbors.org/Membership/Scholarships.aspx
Higher REACH Walmart	Awarded to nontraditional students who have been employed by Wal-Mart stores	www.act.org/walmart/reach/

Professional Associations

Training Fund & Provider	Description of Training Fund	Website Link
Society of Human Resources Management	Grants and scholarships awarded to researchers, students and to students in the HR field	http://shrm.org/about/awards/Pages/default.aspx
Ana Alvarez-Holmberg Scholarship American Society for Training and Development (ASTD)-Twin Cities Chapter	Adult learners over 18 years old with at least 2 years of work experience. Must be a member of ASTD, and applying for a degree in project management, human resource or organizational development, adult or special education	www.astd-tcc.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=60?an=1&subarticlenbr=60
Education Scholarship Minnesota Precision Manufacturing Association	Awarded to students with interest in manufacturing, will provide training for it	www.mpma.com/workforce-foundation.html