



## FUNDING YOUR FUTURE: FINANCIAL AID OPTIONS FOR EMT TRAINING

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) training and education are critical for developing the skills and knowledge required to save lives in high-pressure, emergency situations. However, the cost of this specialized training can be a significant barrier for many prospective students. Access to funding enables students to focus on their education, reduces financial stress, and helps build a strong, well-trained workforce to meet the growing demand for EMS professionals in communities across the state of Vermont. Here are the potential ways you may see funding assistance for the EMT Training Course.

### GRANTS APPLICATIONS THROUGH VSAC

If you're a Vermont resident, you may be eligible to apply for **1 of these 3** need-based grants through Vermont Student Assistance Corporation. See [VSAC.org](https://vsac.org) for more information on any of the programs listed.

- o **Advancement Grant:** For **Vermont residents enrolled or planning to enroll in a non-degree course or training program** that will enhance job skills to improve your ability to get a job or that gives you an introduction to college courses.
- o **Vermont Part-Time Grant:** For Vermont residents **enrolled or planning to enroll as a part-time student** (as defined by your school).
- o **Vermont Incentive Grant:** For Vermont residents **enrolled or planning to enroll as a full-time student** (as defined by your school).

### DEGREE PROGRAM FUNDING

**Participants in credit-bearing paramedic programs** may access federal grants, scholarships, and financial aid by completing the FAFSA promptly.

### EMPLOYER FUNDING

The Department of Labor has an apprenticeship program. This **program partners with employers to help fund the cost of education**. In some cases, it also pays the employee hourly wages (up to a certain amount per week) to attend classes. The VT DOL has more information on their website, and they are great to work with. <https://labor.vermont.gov/workforce-development/apprenticeship>

### EMS SERVICE & EMS DISTRICT

**Some EMS services may provide tuition assistance** to affiliated volunteers and career staff for EMS education.

### POST-9/11 GI BILL (CHAPTER 33)

**Supports veterans** who served on active duty after September 10, 2001, **for education or job training**. For eligibility, see [Post-9/11 GI Bill \(Chapter 33\)](#)

Source: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/emergency-medical-services/ems-education-resources>



For more information on how you can join the inaugural cohort of **Northern Vermont AHEC's upcoming EMT Training Course**, scan the QR code or visit <https://nvtahec.org>

