



Tuition Assistance Options

BOCES Adult Programs (with the exception of Practical Nursing) are not eligible for Federal financial aid. Below is a list of tuition assistance options currently available. Applicants seeking tuition assistance for enrollment into job training programs must receive tuition assistance approval before completing the registration process. Each agency has its own guidelines and procedures. Applicants must apply directly to the agency and go through an assessment process. **Tuition assistance approval is competitive and not guaranteed.** Agencies that provide tuition assistance are not affiliated with BOCES.

1. **Adult Career and Continuing Education Services/Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES VR)**

New York State Office Building, 7th Floor

44 Hawley St.

Binghamton, NY

(800) 888-5010 or (607) 721-8400

<http://www.acces.nysed.gov/vr>

ACCES VR can provide tuition assistance for people with disabilities.

To apply, the applicant must have a disability that has interfered with employment including

- Emotional
- Learning
- Mental
- Physical
- Substance Abuse

The first step to apply is to contact ACCES VR to register for an Orientation Session. Orientation is provided in a group setting where you will have the opportunity to hear about the ACCES-VR program. You will have a chance to ask general questions about their process. Assistance will be provided if you need help with your application.

2. SallieMae Career Training Smart Option Student Loans

<https://www.salliemae.com/student-loans/career-training-smart-option-student-loan/>

SallieMae Smart Option Career Training loans are available for programs that do not qualify for Federal Financial Aid. You can borrow up to 100% of tuition (with a minimum loan amount of \$1,000). To apply, applicants must be at least 18 years old with a good credit history or a co-borrower may be required. Apply online. *The name of our BOCES in the Sallie Mae system is Broome Delaware Tioga BOCES Program of Practical Nursing, Binghamton, NY 02153600*

3. Workforce New York

Broome County Career Center:
501 Reynolds Rd, Johnson City, NY 13790
(607) 778-2136

Tioga County Career Center:
1062 Rt. 38, Owego, NY 13827
(607) 687-8500

a. Career Bound Program for Young Adults Ages 18-24

<http://broometiogaworks.com/>

Click on "Young Adult Services"

The Career Bound Program for young adults can provide tuition assistance for people ages 18-24 years old in both Broome and Tioga Counties. Career Bound in both counties is operated by Cornell Cooperative Extension. Call the Career Bound Program for an appointment. Tuition assistance is competitive and based on a full assessment. The application process will require multiple visits.

- b. **High-Demand Occupations for Adults** - Broome-Tioga Workforce can also provide tuition and job assistance for individuals who need training for employment. Broome-Tioga Workforce will only fund high-demand occupations.

The first step to contact the Workforce New York office in your county of residence to begin the assessment process. The assessment process can require multiple visits. Tuition assistance is limited, and the application process is competitive.

c. Career services for veterans are also available:

Workforce New York Services for Veterans
501 Reynolds Rd
Johnson City, NY 13790
(607) 778-2136

4. Veterans Tuition Assistance

Office of Veteran's Affairs
53 Chenango Street
Binghamton, NY
(607) 722-0413

Workforce New York Services for Veterans
601-635 Harry L. Drive, Suite 56
Johnson City, NY 13790
(607) 778-2136

a. GI Bill® Funding

All BOCES Programs are VA approved. Veterans need to apply through the Veterans' Administration (VA). Applicants will need to provide BOCES with their Certificate of Eligibility (from VA) and their Social Security Number so our fiscal manager can access the VA software and complete the process for approval. The VA pays BOCES directly for tuition under the Post 9/11 GI Bill®.

b. Veterans New York State School District Funding

New York State Education Law Requires School Districts within the state to fund veterans' enrollment into BOCES programs.

A veteran of any age **who has not received a high school diploma** and who shall have been discharged under conditions other than dishonorable may attend any of the public schools of the state upon conditions prescribed by the board of education, **without payment of tuition.**

A veteran of any age **who has received a high school diploma** and who shall have been discharged under conditions other than dishonorable may attend any of the public schools of the state upon conditions prescribed by the board of education. Such conditions **may include a tuition charge.**

To apply, go in person to the school district administrative offices of your current residence. You must take your DD214 and proof of residency in the district.

The district will verify your residency and send a letter to BOCES stating the amount of tuition they will pay. The veteran will be sent an invoice for any balance due.

