

## PAYMENT & FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

(Below are possible sources of financial aid for which you might be eligible. However, each source has its own application process and eligibility guidelines that you must follow.)

- **Financial Aid:** submit FAFSA application for the *current school year* using BridgeValley's school **code 040386**. The link below takes you to the portal to apply for FAFSA.

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

- **HEAPS:** once you have completed your FAFSA, you must then submit a Higher Education Assistance for Part-time Students (HEAPS) application to determine your eligibility for up to \$4,000 in financial aid. The link below takes you to the portal to apply for HEAPS.

<https://www.collegeforwv.com/programs/heaps-workforce/apply-now>

- **WV Invests Grant:** The WV Invests Grant is a state-funded grant program that pays toward the full cost of basic tuition, mandatory fees, and academic program fees for select certificate and associate degree programs at a West Virginia public two- or four-year institution. Priority is given to programs in high-demand fields, such as information technology or healthcare, as determined by the West Virginia Department of Commerce. For additional information and/or to apply:

<https://www.collegeforwv.com/programs/invest-grant>

- **Veteran's Benefits:** Select programs at BridgeValley Community and Technical College have been approved for GI Bill education and training benefits by the West Virginia State approving Agency. Additional information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government Web site at <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill>.

Contact the BVCTC's Veteran Affairs office: 304.734.6620 or [veteranaffairs@bridgevalley.edu](mailto:veteranaffairs@bridgevalley.edu).

- **WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act):** *Prior to contacting the county representative listed below, you must first register* at <https://macc.workforcewv.org>. Select "For Job Seekers" in the upper left section of the webpage, then select "Look for Training Providers". Fill out your information and submit to create an account. WIOA is additional funding that will help pay for the program if you are eligible. This funding is on a first come first-serve basis; once the funding is depleted you will be waitlisted until additional funding is available. Please make an appointment with your county representative ASAP so they can ensure your eligibility.

- Please call your county representative below to set up your appointment.

- Kanawha County: 304.344.5760
- Fayette County: 304.929.2033
- All Other Counties (304.734.6708)

- Boone, Cabell, Lincoln, Logan, Mingo, Putnam, and Wayne Counties: 304.429.5900

**For assistance with miscellaneous expenses** (such as CDL test card fee, DOT Physical, CDL Permit fee, Utility Lineman tools, etc.), go to the website of the following agencies to apply for assistance:

- **EnAct of WV:** EnAct of WV is one of sixteen community action agencies in West Virginia created by the federal government to combat poverty in geographically designated areas. EnAct serves five counties, Kanawha, Boone, Fayette, Clay, and Putnam. To apply for assistance, go to <https://enactwv.org>; select the “Get Started” link.
- **Jobs & Hope:** Jobs & Hope West Virginia is the state’s comprehensive response to the substance use disorder crisis. Established by Governor Jim Justice and the West Virginia Legislature, this organization offers support through a statewide collaboration of agencies that provide West Virginians in recovery the opportunity to obtain career training and to ultimately secure meaningful employment. To apply for assistance, go to <https://jobsandhope.wv.gov>; scroll down and select the “Start Your Journey” link.
- **HRDF:** Human Resource Development Foundation, Inc. (HRDF) was incorporated in 1967, as a social arm of the West Virginia AFL-CIO, for the purpose of providing economically disadvantaged West Virginians opportunities for self-sufficiency and improved living conditions. HRDF, one of the largest non-profit organizations in West Virginia, has continuously met this mission by successfully assisting thousands of West Virginians through advocacy, empowerment, and the successful administration of a wide variety of employment, occupational skill training and educational programs. Phone: (304) 342-2078.
- **Goodwill Industries of Kanawha Valley:** GWIKV provides tools that help people overcome barriers to employment and find meaningful work. They utilize vocational services, youth programs, and disability and veteran services to enable individuals to get back on their feet, secure employment, and develop their careers. Apply for their services at the Prosperity Center; 215 Virginia St W, Charleston, WV 25302; (304) 346-0811. If you are eligible for their services, they will pay up to \$1,600/school year towards educational expenses. <https://www.goodwillkv.com>
- **The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation:** Scholarships are available through The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation. For additional information, go to: <https://tgkvf.org/scholarship-information>.
- **The College Blue Book Series, Vol. 5:** Available in the Research Section of most public libraries. The College Blue Book Series is a comprehensive guide to institutions of higher learning, occupational and technical schools, and distance learning programs. Volume 5 of the series (Scholarships, Fellowships, Grants & Loans) provides an extensive listing of more than 5,300 financial aid sources, and includes valuable information such as scholarship purpose, amount, application procedures, and deadlines.