Here's how to advance your career with Vermont MedED training and VSAC funding!

General requirements to apply for VSAC funding to pay for your Vermont MedED nursing assistant or hospitality class:

- You must have been a Vermont resident for 1 year.
- You must have been financially independent from your parents for 2 to 3 years (filed your own taxes.)
- You must make less than \$20,000 per year to get a full grant (this has been temporarily raised, so just apply and see if you qualify). (Partial Grants may be given if you make more.)
- Your Student loans from any other source must not be in default.
- You must not be receiving a VSAC part-time student grant or incentive-grant at the time you apply.
- You must not be currently enrolled in high school.

Good things to know about VSAC grants:

VSAC looks at a number of factors when determining grant eligibility: income, assets, family size, number of family members in college, the age of the older parent, the cost of the school the student is planning to attend, and several other factors. Grades DO NOT enter into the VSAC grant decision.

It is good to apply before you start a class to make sure you are approved, but you can apply after the class starts, although you may have to make a tuition payment yourself to start the class you are interested in.

How to apply:

Set aside about 30 minutes to complete the online application.

Funds are distributed on a first come, first serve basis, so it makes sense to apply early. When funds run out, there will be no more grants until the following July.

File as soon as possible to get in line for immediate funding!

It takes about two weeks for VSAC to process your application.

Go to VSAC.com and create a MyVSAC account or log into your existing account. Once logged in, click on "Work with Grants."

The application will require tax returns and W-2 statements. (This is the form your employer sends you that shows what you earned so you can file your taxes.) The website allows you to upload these securely. It takes about three days for the things you send VSAC to be reflected in your account. Once they have everything they need, it takes 7 to 10 business days to get an answer.