

TAA Funding

What is the Trade Adjustment Act (TAA)?

The Trade Adjustment Act assists workers, firms, farmers, and communities that have been adversely affected by foreign trade. TAA was created by the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 and has been reauthorized and expanded several times in subsequent years, most prominently as part of the Trade Act of 1974, the Trade Act of 2002, the Trade and Globalization Adjustment Assistance Act of 2009, and the Act to extend the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes.

TAA is primarily administered by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL). Reduced trade barriers are widely acknowledged to yield benefits to the wider population but may also have concentrated effects on domestic workers in industries that face increased competition. TAA aims to lessen these negative effects by providing federal assistance to workers who have been separated from their jobs because of increased imports or because their jobs moved to a foreign country. The largest works of the TAA program are training assistance and extended income support for workers who are enrolled in an eligible training program and have exhausted their unemployment compensation.

Who qualifies for TAA funding?

To obtain TAA services and benefits, a petition must be filed with, and certified by the DOL. The petition is the way to request certification from DOL in order to receive Trade Act services. A petition may be filed by:

- A group of 3 or more workers
- A union or duly authorized representative
- A company official
- A state workforce center or office

If the petition is certified, then each worker may then apply for individual services at the nearest One-Stop* center.

What is the approval process for TAA participants?

All TAA services and benefits have different deadlines and individual eligibility criteria. Certified workers must meet the criteria under each benefit to receive that benefit. Participants must visit a One-Stop* center or speak with the State's Trade Act Coordinator to find out if they are listed on a certified DOL Trade Petition. Prospective students who are listed on a trade petition will meet with an admissions specialist who will help guide them through the TAA process.

What is the Vista College Agency Scholarship?

(place explanation from marketing) ***see eligibility requirements *see brochure**

What happens after classes begin?

As a TAA student at Vista College, you have been approved for the specific program of study, classes, and costs shown on your academic plan and on your TAA contract. There are special provisions that apply to you as a continuing TAA student. Keep a copy of your approved academic plan, placement scores and contracts in a safe place. These are important documents that you may need to refer to in the future.

Keep close contact with your case manager at the One-Stop center. Each agency has specific requirements for funding your education. In most cases, funding your training program must be submitted each term by the agency and is contingent upon you submitting satisfactory progress, attendance records, etc. It is your responsibility to meet these requirements in a timely manner so that TAA can make the required payment(s) necessary to apply funds to your financial aid account.

What happens while I am in school?

Keeping in touch with your TAA case manager and the Vista College agency representative is important to your success. Tracking your performance is important to successful completion of your training program. Your case manager will provide progress or performance review forms that must be completed by a designated official at your campus. You may also have to provide proof of attendance if you are receiving supportive services. Your agency representative will be able to assist with the completion and submission of forms. Remember that you are ultimately responsible for working with your case manager and agency representative to ensure program completion.

What if there are changes to my academic plan?

Any and all changes to your original academic plan require approval by TAA. Your Vista College Agency Representative may have to prepare a revision to your academic plan. This includes course changes, substitutions or additional costs by term. Changes not approved by TAA are the responsibility of the student.

What if a situation occurs where I cannot attend a class?

TAA requires attendance in all classes, which is necessary to be a successful student. In the event of sickness or emergency, please notify your instructor and ensure you have a plan in place to make up missed work.

What if I am having difficulty with a class?

Vista College has many resources available to students in need of additional support. Schedule an appointment with your Vista College Agency Representative to discuss your need.

Helpful links

[United States Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration](#)

*[Find a local workforce center](#)