



# MySuncoast Scholarship & Training Orientation

# Welcome

Welcome to the MySuncoast Scholarship and Training Orientation.

Through CSS and the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) there are scholarship opportunities that may be available to selected individuals.



# Orientation Overview

1. What is the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)?
2. What assistance is available to me if I am selected to receive a MySuncoast Scholarship through CareerSource Suncoast?
3. What selection criteria and considerations are used to determine if I will receive a scholarship?
4. What are my responsibilities and obligations if selected to receive a MySuncoast Scholarship?
5. What are the steps I need to follow to apply for a MySuncoast Scholarship?



# What is WIOA?

The Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) is a federal law designed to provide services to individuals so they can obtain a career in a high skills, high wage occupation.

The goal of CSS and WIOA is to improve the quality of the workforce, reduce welfare dependency, increase economic self-sufficiency, meet skills requirements of employers, and enhance the productivity and competitiveness of this area and the nation.



# Employment Services

WIOA establishes three levels of employment services for adults and dislocated workers. These levels of service are:

1. Basic Career Services – Assistance with job searching and placement, access to labor market information, initial skills assessments, and referrals to other CSS programs and services.
2. Individualized Career Services – Assessments, the creation of an individual employment plan, career counseling, and career planning.
3. Scholarship & Training Services - Training scholarships are related to in-demand, targeted occupations and can cover costs like tuition and materials.



# Follow-Up Services

Selected scholarship & training recipients receive access to CSS follow-up services for at least a 12-month period once they become employed.

This service can include workplace counseling, help with securing better jobs, career planning, assistance with work-related problems, and referrals to other CSS services and/or services in the community.



# Scholarship & Training Services

- Education providers and their training programs must be locally-approved, and training must be for in-demand, targeted occupations in this area.
- Training programs must be full-time and listed on the Local Targeted Occupations List to be considered for and covered by a scholarship.
- CSS cannot reimburse scholarship recipients for tuition, fees or books that have already been paid to the school or purchased.

# Scholarship & Training Services

## Scholarship & Training Services:

- CSS is unable to assist with the cost of any pre-requisite classes or general education requirements.
- Scholarships do not cover the cost of training vendor entrance exams, background checks, application fees or assessments.
- Training programs cannot exceed two years\*.
- Scholarships offer a maximum total cap of up to \$15,000, which can be utilized over a span of up to two years\*.

**\*Please Note: Registered Apprentice Programs listed on the CSS Eligible Training Provider List are not included in the two (2) year limitation referenced above**



# Selection Criteria

## General Selection Criteria:

- 18 years of age or older
- Meet U.S. citizenship requirements/authorization to work or hold a permanent resident card in the U.S.
- Meet selective service registration requirements (for men born after December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1959)



# Selection Criteria

If you meet the general selection criteria, you must also meet one of the targeted selection criteria under either  
**Adult or Dislocated Worker.**



# Adult Selection Criteria

To be selected for a scholarship under the **Adult** criteria, you need to meet only one of the four listed in this section.

Please Note: Under the **Adult** criteria, scholarship selection priority is given to interested low-income veterans and their spouses along with recipients of public assistance, other low-income individuals and individuals who are basic skills deficient.

Once all interested individuals with the above referenced characteristics have been screened/and or selected, CSS will then entertain individuals whose family income is less than the regional below self-sufficiency income levels. See chart on the next slide.



# Adult Selection Criteria

This chart represents the CSS Scholarship income guidelines for **Adult** selection.

Priority is always given to those individuals whose total gross family income does not exceed the “Adult Service Priority” column. This is done by using the past six months of income multiplied by two.

Only when possible, will CSS consider individuals whose total gross family income is less than the “Adult Service Below Self-Sufficiency” column. This is done by using the past six months of income multiplied by two.

Family Size	Adult Service Priority (Family income not to exceed)	Adult Service Below Self-Sufficiency (Family income below)
1	\$15,650	\$57,720
2	\$21,150	\$85,300
3	\$27,448	\$112,880
4	\$33,888	\$140,460
5	\$39,995	\$168,040
6	\$46,777	\$195,620
7	\$53,559	\$223,200
8	\$60,341	\$250,780



# Dislocated Worker Selection Criteria

To be selected under the **Dislocated Worker** criteria, you need to only meet one of the eight targeted criteria listed in this section.

Please Note: For each individual targeted criteria, you must meet all subsets of that criterion to be considered.



# Dislocated Worker Selection Criteria

1.) An individual who has been:

- Terminated or laid off or has received a notice of termination or layoff from employment **AND**
- Is eligible for or has exhausted unemployment compensation (UC) **AND**
- Is unlikely to return to the previous industry or occupation

2.) An individual who has been:

- Terminated or laid off, or has received notice of termination or layoff **AND**
- Has been employed for sufficient duration (a minimum of 6 consecutive weeks) to demonstrate workforce attachment **BUT**
- Is not eligible for unemployment compensation (UC) due to insufficient earnings or employer not being covered under State unemployment compensation (UC) law **AND**
- Is unlikely to return to the previous industry or occupation



# Dislocated Worker Selection Criteria

3.) An individual who has been:

- Terminated or laid off or has received notice of termination or layoff from employment as a result of a permanent closure, or substantial layoff at a plant, facility, or enterprise

4.) An individual who has been:

- Given a general announcement from his/her employer that the facility will close within 180 days

5.) An individual who was:

- Previously self-employed (including farmers, ranchers, and fisherman) **BUT**
- Is currently unemployed due to general economic conditions in the community of residence **OR** because of natural disaster

# Dislocated Worker Selection Criteria

6.) Displaced Homemaker – An individual who was:

- Providing unpaid services to family members in the home **AND**
- Has been dependent on the income of another family member **BUT**
- Is no longer supported by that income **AND**
- Is unemployed or underemployed **AND**
- Is experiencing difficulty in obtaining or upgrading employment
- Includes dependent spouses of the Armed Forces on active duty whose family income is significantly reduced because of a deployment, a call or order to active duty, a permanent change in station, or the service-connected death or disability of a service member

# Dislocated Worker Selection Criteria

7.) Military Assignment - An individual who is:

- A spouse of a current member of the military who was forced to leave his/her employment to follow spouse due to change in military assignment

8.) Military Assignment - An individual who is:

- A previous member of the military who was discharged from the armed forces under honorable conditions **AND** who did not retire from the military

# Selection Considerations

The MySuncoast Scholarship & Training selection process is not solely based on the general and targeted selection criteria.

In addition to individuals meeting the selection criteria, CSS will assess and consider an individual's ability to successfully complete training and obtain full-time employment in the training-related field.



# Selection Considerations

Items considered include, but are not limited to the following:

- Previous training assistance received from CSS
- Current credential, degree, or other marketable skills
- Current academic levels
- Level of support while attending training
- Stable living environment
- Potential background issues that may prohibit employment in a certain field of study
- Financial support/stability while attending training
- Ability to cover the remaining tuition and training-related costs, if any

# Responsibilities & Obligations

Upon receipt of a MySuncoast Scholarship, you must:

- Maintain monthly contact with your assigned CSS staff member and submit proof of attendance
- Submit a copy of your grades and registration information for each term
- Apply for PELL grant and submit a copy of any other financial aid received on an annual basis
- Maintain an overall GPA average of 2.0 or higher throughout the duration of training (term/semester and cumulative)
- Provide copies of all earned credentials to your assigned CSS staff member
- Inform your CSS staff member upon attainment of employment and provide details (company name, job title, rate of pay, etc.)
- Respond to all follow-up contacts by CSS once your training is completed and you have gained employment



# Next Steps

1. Finish viewing this MySuncoast Scholarship & Training Orientation. Then if interested, submit a MySuncoast Scholarship Request and complete any needed assessments
2. Register or renew your Employ Florida profile at [www.employflorida.com](http://www.employflorida.com)
3. Select a locally-approved education provider and training program
4. Apply for PELL grant (if school/program is PELL-eligible)
5. Complete any required assessments (i.e., Test for Adult Basic Education)
6. Be invited to meet one-on-one with a CSS staff member to complete an application and present verifying documentation
7. Attend all scheduled appointments for successful completion of the scholarship process



# Thank You

Thank you for taking the time to view the MySuncoast Scholarship & Training Orientation. We look forward to working with you as you take your next important steps towards a brighter future!

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