



## 2011-12 Opportunity Grant

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*You may qualify for financial assistance for your higher education!*

**Opportunity Grants provide financial support for low-income students seeking to progress further and faster along in high-demand career pathways**

*Do you meet all the following Opportunity Grant application requirements?*

- *YVCC's Admissions Office determined that you are a Washington state resident*
- *Completed the 2011-12 Free Application for Federal Student Aid ([www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov))*
- *Enrolled in one of the following high demand career pathways. If you have questions about the pathways, contact:*
  - *Nursing Assistant Certificate (NAC) - Patrick Ibarra (509) 574-4733*
  - *Allied Health – Mike Melton - (509) 574-4913*
  - *Child Development Associate Training (CDA) – Rachel Sandoval (509) 574-4745*
  - *Early Childhood Education - Judy Shaw (509) 574-4932*
  - *BTECH Office Skills I & II Certificates- Rachel Sandoval (509) 574-4745*
  - *Business Technology – Cathy VanWinsen (509) 574-4796*

The Opportunity Grant program may provide the following services:

- Money for qualified tuition and fees
- Money for required books and supplies (up to \$1,000 per year, approximately \$333 per quarter for a full time student)
- Mentoring
- Career coaching
- Internship/job shadowing

Grant limitations:

- No student may receive funding for more than 45 credits or three years, whichever comes first
- Family income must be at or below 200% of the federal poverty level, as determined by the US Department of Health and Human Services and 2011-12 FAFSA results
- Recipients must maintain a CUM grade point average of 2.0 or above
- Funds are distributed based on Washington state grant regulations and subject to change

*For more information contact Opportunity Grant Program Coordinator: Sharon Redifer (509) 574-4764  
or Opportunity Grant Program Assistant: Violet Valdez (509) 574-4977*



Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2011-12 Opportunity Grant Application

**You MUST attach a printout of your quarter class schedule AND a printout of your Degree Audit, showing that ALL of your classes are required for your degree or certificate (Opportunity Grant can only pay for classes required for completion of an approved degree or certificate program here at YVCC)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

We will communicate with you by e-mail regarding your application, please make sure you provide a valid email address that you check regularly.

How did you hear about Opportunity Grant? \_\_\_\_\_

Applying for: (check **ONE** only)  Fall Quarter  Winter Quarter  Spring Quarter  Summer Quarter

Program you will complete at YVCC (**check one**)  Degree  Certificate

- I-BEST Nursing Assistant Certificate (NAC)
- I-BEST BTECH Office Skills I & II Certificates
- I-BEST Child Development Associate Training (CDA)
- Nursing AAS (YVCC Nursing Program)
- Other – **Please Write In Specific Program:**
  - Allied Health: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Early Childhood Education: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Business Technology: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Note: Students who are enrolled in an I-BEST program receive priority funding through Opportunity Grant.**

Name of your program advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of credits you have completed toward your program degree or certificate: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously completed a college degree or certificate?  Yes  No

If yes: Name of College: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree or Certificate: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to attend classes full time or part time? **Please check one:**

- Full-time (12 credits or more)
- Three-Quarter time (9-11 credits)
- Half-time (6-8 credits)
- Less than half-time (5 or less credits)



Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you completed a 2011-12 FAFSA?  Yes - Date Completed:\_\_\_\_\_  No

Are you receiving tuition assistance from any other sources?  Yes  No  
If yes, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously received Opportunity Grant from YVCC or any other college?  
 Yes - Name of College:\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Opportunity Grant credits used: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please answer each of the following questions in essay form and attach to this application.**

1. What are your academic/educational goals at YVCC?
2. Please explain your career goals:
3. What motivates you to achieve your educational and career goals?
4. How will receiving Opportunity Grant help you to achieve your academic/educational and career goals?
5. What obstacles do you face which could prevent you from completing your certificate or degree and what steps have you taken to address these obstacles?

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, statements I have made on this form are complete and true. Failure to disclose and submit complete and accurate information may result in the denial of Opportunity Grant. I also understand participation in the Opportunity Grant requires program access to my student records. I approve release of my grades, transcripts, financial aid information, test results, and any other information related to my education with the assurance that the information will be held in the strictest confidence. I also allow the Opportunity Grant Project and relevant state agencies to use photos (digital images) of me in project approved publications such as brochures, recognition awards, and newsletters.

**I also certify that I am a Washington State resident.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Submit your completed Opportunity Grant application to the Financial Aid counter in Yakima or the Student Services office in Grandview.