



Grant Eligibility Requirements

The Rotary Vocational Fund of Arizona (TRVFA) can grant qualifying applicants a one-time grant of up to \$2,000 to pursue postsecondary training toward a vocational certification.

An applicant for a TRVFA grant must:

- Meet certain financial eligibility (see page 2 of this document)
- Must file the most current **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** and provide us with a copy of their **Student Aid Report (SAR)**
- Seek training in a qualifying vocational area but be aware some vocations may not qualify for funding.
- Be a legal resident of the State of Arizona – Determination of Arizona residency for Independent Students is divided into three areas:
 1. Physical Presence: A person may be eligible for classification as a resident if that person can provide clear and convincing evidence of physical presence in the State of Arizona with intent to establish domicile as outlined in item 2
 2. Intent to Establish a Domicile – Intent is measured by a variety of evidence, but the following may be used to provide clear and convincing evidence for establishing domicile:
 - He/she can provide verification of employment in Arizona.
 - He/she has an Arizona driver's license.
 - He/she has a State of Arizona identification card.
 - He/she has an Arizona motor vehicle registration.
 - He/she has filed Arizona state income taxes.
 - He/she has registered to vote in Arizona.
 - He/she has a lease agreement or rental contract for their residence in Arizona.
 - He/she has purchased a house/condo/manufactured home to use as their residence in Arizona.
 3. Financial Independence – A person claiming classification as a resident must prove financial independence.
 - He/she is self-supporting and is qualified as an independent student on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Attend a postsecondary school/training institution in Arizona
- Be sponsored by a Rotary Club in Arizona, Needles, CA or Laughlin NV

FINANCIAL NEED INCOME GUIDELINES

Because the major portion of the TRVFA funding comes from Arizona Tax Credits, the requirements that relate to financial need and qualifying courses of study are set by Arizona state law. We are obligated to verify whether or not applicants meet the following income standards. TRVFA is required to make at least 50% of its grants to applicants that meet these income guidelines. Using the FASFA/SAR process allows us to determine financial need for all candidates especially those not at the poverty level.

When funds are limited, the Fund reserves the right to require all applicants meet the income levels shown below. The amounts listed are 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

An applicant considered independent under Federal Financial Aid applies using only their estimated income for the year they enroll for training.

An applicant considered a “dependent” under Federal Financial Aid applies using their and their parent(s) combined estimated incomes for the year they enroll for training.

The following are the income guidelines for 2020:

Persons in Family Unit	Maximum Income
1	\$19,140
2	\$25,860
3	\$32,580
4	\$39,300
5	\$46,020
6	\$52,740
7	\$59,460
8	\$66,180
Each Additional	\$6,720