



Who FastForward Serves

FastForward students aren't your average college students. Our students are older, with the **average age of 34**, and **over two-thirds** of them are new to community college.



Over 40% of FastForward students are minorities.



Over 31% of Workforce Credential Grant students received either SNAP or TANF benefits prior to enrolling.



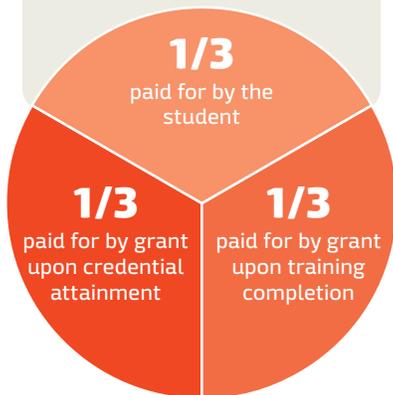
Over 56% of FastForward students have dependents.



The Impact of FastForward Credentials

According to the Virginia Employment Commission, by 2026, there are expected to be **2.6M middle-skilled jobs in Virginia** – jobs that require some training, but not a four-year degree. There is a skills gap in Virginia's workforce. **FastForward is continuing to bridge the gap.**

Paying for Success



32,700+ credentials earned since 2016



55% On average, students saw a 55% (\$11,626) increase in wages.



MEETING BUSINESS DEMAND

“The community college system is uniquely poised to handle training and education more effectively than anyone.”

– David Peterson, Executive Director
Solar Hands-on Instructional Network of Excellence (SHINE)



Outcomes and Results

This program model focuses on success from the moment a student connects with the college. Following FastForward training, a majority of our students have **full-time jobs with benefits** and **better work schedules**.

FastForward students are finding satisfaction in their careers post-credential.

89%

say their credential is something employers want.

81%

are satisfied with their work schedule.

80%

are satisfied with their job stability.

71%

are satisfied with their pay.



THE VCCS ADVANTAGE

"After wrapping up my bachelor's, I went back to community college where I felt I received a better education. The **student-to-teacher ratio** was much smaller, & I received hands-on support."

- Peyton Stallard, FastForward graduate

Average Wage Increase by Industry



RETURN ON INVESTMENT

"I enjoyed it. All of the instructors were great. **Everyone I met there was great.** Do it – especially if it gets you out of the coal mines."

- Philip Stiltner, FastForward graduate & REV grant recipient

Quality of Life Enhancements



75%

of graduates have paid vacation.



75%

of graduates have employer-paid medical insurance.



83%

of graduates are satisfied with their job duties.