

## Draft Letter Advising Claimants of Pell Grants/ UI App

[Claimant name and address should be printed on letter.]

I am writing to urge you to consider taking advantage of opportunities for training available now to unemployed workers.

Unemployed jobseekers want to return to the workforce bolstered by such efforts and economic growth. Jobseekers like you who are getting unemployment benefits will receive special consideration for financial aid to pay for job training. You may also be able to keep your UI benefits while enrolled and can use training to increase your skills, obtain industry-recognized credentials, and obtain higher wages. Studies have shown that workers with more education and training have higher wages.

Federal Pell Grants (Pell Grants) cover up to \$6,345 in education expenses provided at many institutions of higher education (IHE) including colleges, and many trade and technical schools. Make sure to check with the IHE you want to attend to find out if it participates in the Pell Grant program. If you do not qualify for a Pell Grant, you may be eligible for other aid, like Federal Supplemental Educational Grants from your State or IHE.

Applying for financial aid and finding training are not difficult. To apply, you must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) here: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. The application is free to complete. Check out <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants>, for helpful information. If you are interested in pursuing these opportunities, here are the steps you should follow:

- Decide what type of training best meets your needs at <https://collegetraining.org>.
- For additional resources:
- You may want to visit [www.MyNextMove.org](http://www.MyNextMove.org), sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor, to explore careers.
- You can also learn about different education and training programs at <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>, [www.TrainingProviderResults.com](http://www.TrainingProviderResults.com), and [www.TrainingProviderResults.com](http://www.TrainingProviderResults.com). Centers may also be able to assist you in making education, training, and job placement decisions. To locate the nearest American Job Center, you may call the toll-free number 1-877-872-5627 for assistance or visit <https://www.careeronestop.org/LocalHelp/service-locator.aspx>.