

Training Funding

Important TAP Notice: The UAW-GM Tuition Assistance Plan (TAP) was suspended on June 1, 2009.

Important DSP Notice: The UAW-GM Dependent Scholarship Program (DSP) was suspended on January 1, 2009.

NWLB: With the above mentioned changes, for those of you that wish to continue to pursue training opportunities please note the following.

Through the State of Michigan is a program called No Worker Left Behind. This program is designed to accelerate dislocated workers into good-paying jobs by providing up to two years of free tuition at any community college, university or other approved training provider.

Tuition covers up to \$5,000 per year for two years for a total of \$10,000 per person. Once approved, the funds are paid directly to the training facility and are not used for reimbursement.

Eligibility entails:

- Any person currently unemployed OR
- Any person who has received a notice of termination or layoff from employment OR
- Any employed person with a family income of \$40,000 or less.

The first step in beginning to pursue the benefits of NWLB is to attend a NWLB orientation where you will be informed of the process and the step necessary to gaining access to these funds. Contact Michigan Works to schedule yourself for an orientation.

Given the state's budget circumstances, please be advised that all programs are subject to change. Also, some high demand training programs may have a waiting period for entry. It is important to consider these two facts when thinking about your next steps and act accordingly.

TAA: If the plant receives TAA certification, certain affected workers (those who did not accept a transfer with GM) will have additional training funding available to them through TAA. It will be mandatory to attend the initial TAA signup meeting, so watch your mail closely for information from the State of Michigan or Michigan Works.