Get Started Program Application Next Step Program

Employee Name
Date of Birth
Mailing Address (Street Address)
Mailing Address (City, State, Zip)
County
Phone Number
Email Address
Date of Work Injury
Docket Number
Settlement Hearing Date



Send Application

Mail

Bureau of Workers' Compensation 220 French Landing Dr., Suite 1-B Nashville TN, 37243

E-mail

wc.ombudsman@tn.gov





Take Your Next Step Toward Returning to Work After Your Work Injury

Information and Program Application



For more information: Workers' Compensation Ombudsman

Call: 800-332-2667

E-mail: wc.ombudsman@tn.gov



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Scholarship Eligibility



Sustain a compensable workers compensation injury that occurred on or after July 1, 2018.

Doctor
assigns an
impairment
rating
indicating
the injury is
permanent.



*Receive
applicable
disability
award and not
return to work or
return to work
at a lower wage.



Apply within 90 days of receipt of your disability payment.



Select a job in demand.



Train within your abilities.



*Injuries before April 30, 2021 must receive the resulting award. Those injured on or after April 30, 2021 must apply after receiving the original award.



What Now?

Workplace accidents can be life-changing. This program refocuses that change into an opportunity for a new career after a permanent injury.

Getting Started

- 1. Complete and submit application
- 2. Upon receipt of the application, you will be contacted by a Next Step Specialist
- 3. Work with the Specialist to discover new ways to get back to work
- 4. Visit your local American Job Center and register for **jobs4tn.gov**

The Next Step Program Helps You:

- Explore your interests
- Discover your potential
- Find your next job
- Identify opportunities to get the job you want
- Obtain financial assistance for educational and training opportunities
- Enroll in eligible education and training institutions
- Identify and overcome obstacles in obtaining the job you want
- Earn a training certificate, associate or bachelor's degree

Find In-Demand Jobs You Can Do Now

A permanent disability from a workplace accident can lead to new opportunities. Connect with public institutions and resources to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to get back to work.

Go Back to School to Get the Job You Always Wanted

Receive up to \$5,000 for tuition and expenses per fiscal year to attend a College of Applied Technology, community college, or state university in Tennessee. Recipients can receive up to \$20,000 in their lifetime.