

# Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities is investing in your future!

College

Trade Schools

Apprenticeships

Credentialing Programs

The **OOD Education Support Funds** help students with disabilities in their pursuit of continued education. Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) will provide **up to \$7,000** to all eligible college and non-traditional students with disabilities while participating in OOD services, to be used for tuition or educational expenses during the fall term. This includes students with disabilities (e.g., physical, learning, mental health, sensory, hearing, vision, and more) participating in colleges, apprenticeships, trade schools, and credentialing programs.



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## Qualify for the OOD Education Support Funds

- **Application** - Start applications for OOD services at [OODWorks.com](https://OODWorks.com)
- **Appointment** - Meet with OOD staff in person or online
- **Eligibility** - Receive your eligibility decision and begin planning what's next



OOD assists students with disabilities with exploring careers, using assistive technology, building resumes, preparing for interviews, finding a good job fit, and other related services. OOD's business relations team also connects students to internship and permanent employment opportunities.



Programs provided by Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) are funded, in whole or in part, with federal grants awarded by the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). For purposes of the Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program, including Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS), OOD received 78.7% of its funding through the DOE VR grant. In Federal fiscal year (FFY) 2022, OOD received \$103,630,948 in federal funds. Funds appropriated by the State covered 21.3% of the total costs, or \$28,947,485. Of these federal funds, \$15,544,637 is set aside for Pre-ETS. For purposes of the Supported Employment (SE) Program, the DOE SE grant funded 90% of the costs for the Supported Employment for Youth with a Disability Program up to the grant amount and 100% of the costs of regular Supported Employment program costs up to the grant amount. In FFY 2022, OOD received \$603,568 for SE Youth with a Disability, and State appropriated funds paid the remaining 10%, or \$60,357 of the total costs. In FFY 2022, OOD received \$603,568 in regular SE grant funds. For purposes of the Independent Living Services for Older Individuals Who are Blind (OIB) Program, the federal grant received from DOE in FFY 2022 paid 90% of the total costs incurred under the program. In FFY 2022, OOD received \$1,139,118 in federal grant funds. Funds appropriated by the State paid over the 10% required match, or \$126,569 of the total costs incurred under the OIB program. For purposes of the Independent Living (IL) Program, the federal grant received from HHS paid 90% of the total costs incurred in FFY 2022. In FFY 2022, OOD received \$652,008 in federal grant funds. Funds appropriated by the State paid over the 10% of the match required or \$70,223 of the total costs incurred under the IL Program.