

Ready to learn how you can earn your Strayer bachelor's or master's for less?

Employees in select fields may be eligible to earn an undergraduate or graduate degree with 50% off tuition

Through the Civic and Community Alliance Scholarship Program, admitted Strayer University students who are employed in one of the following professions or volunteer for a non-profit may be eligible to receive 50% off tuition for the duration of their program:

- Emergency management
- Public safety
- Nonprofit organizations (501(c) designation), including volunteers
- Community college employees
- Public school district employees
- Law enforcement: crime prevention, control or reduction of crime, or the enforcement of criminal law
- Public interest law services: legal services provided by an organization that is funded in whole or in part by a U.S. federal, state, local or tribal government
- Public service for individuals with disabilities and the elderly
- Public health administration employees
- Small business administration affiliations

The application deadline for this program is October 4.





Eligibility rules

What counts as a qualifying employer?

Qualifying employers include any state, local or tribal government agency and many nonprofit organizations. A government contractor is not considered a government employer.

Which nonprofit organizations qualify?

- Eligible nonprofit organizations include an organization that is tax-exempt under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- If the organization is a labor union or a partisan political organization, it is not an eligible employer.
- If you perform religious activities as part of your job, it is not an eligible employer..

Current state, local or tribal government agency employees including many nonprofit organizations are eligible for this scholarship once they are admitted to Strayer University. To be eligible, students must show proof that they are considered to be an employee of a qualifying employer.

What determines an employee of a qualifying employer?

If a qualifying employer has sent or will send you a Form W-2 (Wage and Tax Statement) at the end of each tax year, you are employed by the qualifying employer.

For example, if you were hired by a government contractor and the contractor issues your Form W-2, you are employed by the contractor. In this case, although you may be doing work for a qualifying employer (a government agency), you are not an employee of the qualifying employer.

Another example of an employee of qualifying employer: if you are a full-time employee of a law enforcement agency, your employment qualifies regardless of your position (police officer, forensic technologist, computer forensics, support staff, etc.).

What determines a volunteer of a qualifying employer?

If you are an active volunteer of the qualifying employer and can obtain an official letter outlining this, you are qualified. An active volunteer is defined as someone who is performing volunteer service at least three times per year.

What determines affiliation with the Small Business Administration?

If you can provide business tax receipts to show you meet the requirements as a small business owner, you are qualified.

Please note the following:

- a. Only new and readmit Strayer students are eligible.
- b. Spouses and dependents are not eligible for the scholarship.
- c. Students who utilize the Civic and Community Alliance Scholarship are not eligible for the Graduation Fund or any additional tuition discounts.
- d. Students must show proof of employment documentation only once. If they change jobs, they are still eligible for the scholarship; however, it could be lost if the student does not take courses for two consecutive quarters
- e. You must remain employed with a qualifying employer at the time you submit your application.