

## OVR Employment Resources

### **General Resources**

#### [CIE Transformation Hub | U.S. Department of Labor \(dol.gov\)](#)

Web site with dedicated resources to support steps to increase the participation of people with disabilities in competitive integrated employment. Resources available for: People with Disabilities and Families, Employment Service Providers, and Employers.

#### [Links to Disability Resources \(pa.gov\)](#)

The Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Resources Links to Disability Resources landing page. The page contains links to websites and resources that relate to disability and employment. The resources have been organized into the following major categories: Advocacy, Business Resources, Diversity, Education/Training, Employment/Careers, Legislation/ADA, and Other /Miscellaneous.

#### [PA CareerLink - INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES](#)

PA CareerLink's landing page for information and services for individuals with disabilities.

#### [PA CareerLink® | SkillUp PA](#)

Provides access to free, online job skills training to Pennsylvania residents. Courses are available on the Metrix Learning Portal and can be accessed by registering for a free account on the PA CareerLink® website.

#### [InVEST \(pa.gov\)](#)

The Integrated Vocational Engagement & Support Team (InVEST) Project opens new doors to competitive integrated employment for Pennsylvanians with disabilities. InVEST services can help you transition from subminimum wage employment to a career path that values your professional growth and personal independence.

#### [Secure Your Financial Future | U.S. Department of Labor \(dol.gov\)](#)

The Employee Benefits Security Administration toolkit for Individuals with Disabilities is an up-to-date repository of financial literacy tools and resources beneficial to all Americans, including individuals from historically underserved populations, striving to achieve financial stability.

#### [Scholarship Finder | CareerOneStop](#)

Search more than 9,500 scholarships, fellowships, grants, and other financial aid award opportunities. You can:

Look through the whole list of scholarships below, arranged in order of closest deadline.

Narrow your list with "Search by keyword." Enter a keyword about the type of award you're looking for.

Use the filters to see only awards for certain award types, locations, level of study, and more.

Scholarship sponsors may change their deadlines and eligibility criteria without notifying CareerOneStop, so be sure to confirm the most current guidelines by checking the scholarship website.

[Commonwealth Technical Institute at the Hiram G. Andrews Center \(pa.gov\)](#)

The Commonwealth Technical Institute (CTI) at the Hiram G. Andrews Center (HGAC) prepares Pennsylvanians with disabilities for the careers they want with individualized, affordable education and training to contribute to our workforce in a meaningful way. Specialized staff also provide supportive services to prepare Pennsylvanians with disabilities for competitive employment.

[Grant Programs at L&I \(pa.gov\)](#)

Throughout the Commonwealth and the nation, there are numerous grant and financial aid resources available that can assist individuals and organizations in meeting their goals. This link offers multiple grant opportunities for various employment areas.

[Financial Loans | Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation \(patf.us\)](#)

PATF is a program for Pennsylvania residents who need assistive technology devices and/or services. PATF can help people of all ages, disabilities, and health conditions. People of all income levels may apply for a loan. An applicant must have an ability and willingness to repay a loan.

[EMPL-8-compressed.pdf \(disabilityrightspa.org\)](#)

Information from Disability Rights Pennsylvania about your right to competitive integrated employment.

[Workers with disabilities | CareerOneStop](#)

The U.S. Department of Labor CareerOneStop landing page for Workers with Disabilities.

[WorkforceGPS - Welcome to the Disability and Employment Community](#)

An online resource destination for the American Job Center network, people with disabilities, and employers.

**Resources for Young Adults**

[PA Transition Resources: Take a step ahead in Secondary Transition \(pasecondarytransition.com\)](#)

Information and resources about Secondary Transition in Pennsylvania.

[PaTTAN - Secondary Transition](#)

Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network Secondary Transition landing page.

[Opportunities | Youth Engaged 4 Change](#)

Multiple selections for find jobs, internships, contests, scholarships and grants, or other various career forwarding options.

[My Work Initiative](#)

The MY Work Initiative is a summer employment program created by the PA Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) with the goal of providing high school students with disabilities the opportunity to work for their local municipality.

## **Resources for Entrepreneurs and Small Business Owners**

### [Loans | U.S. Small Business Administration \(sba.gov\)](#)

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) helps small businesses get funding by setting guidelines for loans and reducing lender risk. These SBA-backed loans make it easier for small businesses to get the funding they need.

### [Investment capital | U.S. Small Business Administration \(sba.gov\)](#)

An SBIC is a privately owned company that's licensed and regulated by the SBA. SBICs invest in small businesses in the form of debt and equity. The SBA doesn't invest directly into small businesses, but it does provide funding to qualified SBICs with expertise in certain sectors or industries. Those SBICs then use their private funds, along with SBA-guaranteed funding, to invest in small businesses.