

Build Back Better Regional Challenge
Project 3: Expanded Pathways to New Economy Careers
Robotics Scholarship

This scholarship opportunity is made available to eligible students enrolled in the Robotics AAS program at the Advanced Technology Center. It is available for Fall and Spring semesters only, with eligibility reevaluated for each of those semester terms. It is provided by a federal grant, received as part of Westmoreland County Community College's involvement as a member of the Southwestern Pennsylvania New Economy Collaborative, which was a recipient of funding from the Build Back Better Regional Challenge (BBBRC). At Westmoreland County Community College, this grant program runs from September 2022 through September 2026. The BBBRC was created as part of the federal government's American Rescue Plan. The \$1 billion national challenge is the marquee of U.S. Economic Development Administration's (EDA) programs that aims to boost economic recovery from the pandemic and rebuild American communities, including those grappling with decades of disinvestment.

The Southwestern Pennsylvania New Economy Collaborative (SWPANEC), is an 11-county coalition, which includes dozens of organizations: community-based organizations, labor unions, educational and research institutions, economic development partners and leaders from the private, public and philanthropic sectors.

The Robotics AAS Scholarship at the Advanced Technology Center/Westmoreland County Community College was created under the Expanded Pathways to New Economy Careers Project as part of this federal grant program. The project has a goal of establishing inclusive career pathways for workers, especially those from historically excluded communities.

The Robotics AAS Scholarship supports the goal of developing a regional workforce in the field of robotics to sustain this growing sector of business and industry here in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

To be eligible for consideration for this scholarship, which can help cover costs of tuition, fees and textbook materials for Robotics AAS coursework, students must:

- Complete the FAFSA and all application materials,
- Complete a math placement with score qualifying for MTH 104,
- Meet the criteria for this scholarship which includes being enrolled at least part time, in the Robotics AAS program, completing at least six credit hours per semester, and maintaining unbroken enrollment in the pursuit of a degree,
- Achieve a 2.5 GPA in order to be considered for renewal of this award for the next academic semester;
- Attend at least two career connections events per semester.

Direct academic questions related to the scholarship application process to:

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