

Eden Energy Medicine

Tips for Finding Financial Assistance

We know that finances are tight for many people. Because of this, every year Innersource works hard to raise funds for EEMCP scholarships. Unfortunately, we usually have three to four times more people apply for scholarships than we are able to grant. To assist those who need help finding ways to fund their EEM education, we have asked prior students for tips on how they financed their studies. Their suggestions are listed below.

Scholarships

Applications for Innersource-sponsored scholarships for the EEMCP are available for Year 2 only. The application process usually opens in the fall for the following school year. More information can be found at: www.innersource.net/em/scholarship-info-and-donations-dp2.

State and Federal Funds

Federal funds are available for *Laid Off or Terminated Workers* to be retrained. This program has been used successfully to fund EEMCP tuition. For more information go to: <http://usgovinfo.about.com/od/federalbenefitprograms/a/dislocworkers.htm>. For contact information for your state labor department go to: http://www.doleta.gov/layoff/rapid_coord.cfm

Almost every state offers grants for educational programs. Here are three examples:

1. The **Vermont Student Assistance Corp.** has funded at least one student through Year 1 (Foundations) and Year 2 of the EEMCP.
2. In the state of Minnesota, the **Displaced Homemaker Assistance Program for Unemployed Persons** funded Year 1 (Foundations) for two different students. Other states may have similar programs.
3. The state of Texas funded at least partial tuition for a student through two years of the EEMCP. No additional details were provided on this, but check with your own state to see if something like this might be possible.

Loans, Credit, and Exchange

Many students have been granted small business loans and/or have used credit cards to help fund their EEM educations.

Several students have found sponsors who help pay for partial or full tuition in exchange for free sessions every week. Essentially, this creates a situation where someone “pre-pays” for a set number of sessions at a negotiated rate for an extended period of time. More than one of our students has done this to pay for their Foundations Year and it proves to be a win/win situation for all involved.

One student led a study group each month during the year she attended the EEMCP. She charged \$10-\$20 (sliding scale) for hosting each session and it helped pay for her tuition.

Unfortunately, VA benefits and Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac loans don't work with EEM because Innersource does not have, nor do we plan to have, a Federal ID number.