

Understanding the [DVR Grant Calculator Form](#)
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The following is an explanation of the calculations which are made by the [DVR Grant Calculator](#).

The purpose of this paper is to help counselors and consumers understand

- ✓ How the calculations are made in section 3. *DVR Training Grant Information*
- ✓ When an exception request might be justified and appropriate

Questions about these calculations should be directed to Linda Raap and Allison Gordon, DVR Policy Analysts.

The DVR cost of attendance is all of the following items added together if additional living expenses is N:

Tuition and Fees
Books and Supplies
Transportation
Dependent Care Expenses
Other costs

DVR Unmet Need is:

Parental Contribution + financial aid (grants and scholarships) subtracted from the DVR cost of attendance

DVR cost of attendance **minus**
Parental contribution + financial aid
DVR Unmet Need

THE DVR TRAINING GRANT OFFERED EQUALS THE UNMET NEED OR \$4500, WHICHEVER IS LESS.

The DVR cost of attendance is all of the following items added together if additional living expenses is Y:

Tuition and Fees
Books and Supplies
Transportation
Room and Board
Personal/Miscellaneous
Dependent Care Expenses
Other Costs

DVR Unmet Need is:

Parental Contribution + financial aid (grants and scholarships) subtracted from the DVR cost of attendance

$$\text{DVR cost of attendance} \text{ minus } \underline{\text{Parental contribution + financial aid}} \\ \text{DVR Unmet Need}$$

THE DVR TRAINING GRANT OFFERED EQUALS THE DVR UNMET NEED OR \$4500, WHICHEVER IS LESS.

Disability Offset Payments:

(Students receiving SSI/SSDI may also receive a disability offset payment in addition to the DVR training grant)

The disability offset is calculated as follows:

From the DVR Cost of Attendance subtract parental contribution plus total financial aid (grants and scholarships) to obtain DVR unmet need. From DVR unmet need, subtract the total amount of the DVR training grant offered. The result is the amount of the DVR unmet need remaining which is not covered by the DVR training grant, financial aids or parental contribution. This is the SSI/SSDI Disability Offset.

$$\text{Total DVR Funding Offered} = \text{Total DVR Training Grant Offered} + \text{the Disability Offset}$$

Calculations for private /out of state school attendance

- **DVR cost of attendance is calculated the same as outlined on pages 1 & 2.**
- **DVR unmet need is calculated the same as outlined on pages 1 & 2.**
- **Y in private school/out of state school necessary cell**
 - **Social Security recipients may receive a disability offset in addition to the DVR training grant.**
 - **Non social security recipients will receive a DVR training grant equal to the DVR unmet need or up to \$4500, whichever is less, per academic year.**
- **N in private/out of state school necessary cell**
 - **All students may receive a DVR training grant equal to the DVR unmet need or up to \$4500 per academic year, whichever is less. Grant is capped at \$4500.**
 - **Additional living expenses will always be N**

Calculations for graduate school attendance

- **DVR cost of attendance and DVR unmet need are calculated as outlined on pages 1 & 2.**
- **Social Security recipients may receive a disability offset in addition to the DVR training grant.**
- **Non social security recipients may receive a DVR training grant up to \$4500 per academic year.**

Note: When the TG form is marked "Y" for graduate school, the funding for credits is calculated at a higher rate due to the higher costs for graduate school. The formula is weighted to provide a higher funding level for graduate school credits. When you enter any credit amount, the TG amount is based on unmet need or up to \$4500/academic year, whichever is less. The part time credit costs are not used for graduate school.

In some cases, the form may not accurately calculate for graduate school students. It is important that you review the training grant calculations with the student to determine that DVR funding is accurate. If additional funding is needed, use the exception process.