NEW BEGINNINGS is a special services program that provides services to students who are attending Vernon College to obtain a career and technical education degree. The student must meet household income requirements and priority needs criteria. Students will be funded through the completion of only one degree/certificate. Pre-requisite semesters will be limited and only one major/area of study change will be allowed. Priority is given to students living in the twelve county service area for a minimum of six months prior to application date. Some of the services available to students who qualify for New Beginnings are: textbooks from the Lending Library, tutoring and either child care or gas reimbursement. New Beginnings applications are received on a first come, first serve basis and eligibility is contingent upon available funding.
REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION
Before a New Beginnings application will be considered for funding, COPIES of the following MUST be submitted:

1. **Verification of enrollment:**
   a. Statement of Student Account

2. **Verification of household gross income:**
   *Financial aid recipients, your income will be verified through the VC financial aid office.*
   *Other students must provide current verification of household income.*
   a. Dated paycheck stubs (last 2 months) or letter from employer(s)
   b. Verification of all other income received

3. **Verification of other benefits received:**
   a. Verification from your Department of Human Services representative of TANF, Food Stamps, Medicaid or other benefits received, letter from Section 8 or HUD housing authority.
   b. Verification of all other benefits received (includes letters from family/friends providing support)

4. **Proof of custody or guardianship of your children:** (one of the following)
   a. Birth certificates or Social Security cards
   b. Divorce decree (pages that award custody and specify amount of child support awarded)
   c. In the case of a recent separation, a letter from a neighbor or landlord stating where the children are living will suffice.

### INCOME GUIDELINES

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### TEXTBOOK LOANS
All non-consumable textbooks are to be returned at the end of each semester! If not returned, a hold will be placed on the student’s transcript, registration privilege, and grades.

### CHILD CARE
Child care services will be provided for actual class/lab times or tutoring appointment times only.

**NOTE** We do not pay for child care during the holidays, or finals week. Also, we may not pay for childcare the first week of classes, if time does not allow for our childcare contract completion.

### GASOLINE REIMBURSEMENT
Gasoline reimbursement is only for those students driving 40 miles or more per round trip. Gasoline reimbursement may be terminated at any point in the year due to lack of funding at the discretion of the New Beginnings Coordinator.
VERNON COLLEGE NEW BEGINNINGS APPLICATION
(All information is confidential)

Application Date _____ / _____ / _______  Semester/Year Benefits Needed: __________________________

Name ____________________________  SSN ____________________________
( Last) (First) (MI)  Student ID ____________________________

Address ____________________________  (Street) ____________________________
(City) (State) (ZIP) ____________________________

Phone # ____________________________  Date of Birth ____________________________  Email: ____________________________

Ethnicity:  White  African American  Hispanic  Asian  American Indian  International Native  Other

Campus: (Circle all applicable)  Vernon  Century City  SLC  STC  Seymour

Have you received New Beginnings benefits previously?  ____ No  ____ Yes
If yes, what was the last semester that benefits were received? ____________________________

Marital Status:  _____ Single  _____ Married  Education:  _____ GED  _____ Year
_____ Separated  _____ Widowed  _____ High School Diploma  _____ Year
_____ Divorced

Number of Dependent Children _______  Number of Household Members _______

Names of Household Members  Dates of Birth

________________________________________
________________________________________
________________________________________
________________________________________

Total Gross Monthly Income  $__________  Earned income:$__________
All other income received:$__________  Child support received: $__________ or paid: $__________

Do you receive Financial Aid Benefits?  Yes__  No__  If so, what is your FTI? _______

Do you receive any assistance from the following sources?

__ PELL  __ TRC/DARS  __ Food Stamps  __ TANF  __ Housing  __ VA
__ WIA  __ Loans  __ Medicaid  __ WIC  __ Free Lunches  __ Other

Educational Goals:  _____ Career Transition  _____ Associate Degree  _____ Certificate
Major or area of interest ____________________________  **must be career or technical education to qualify

I am interested in the following services: (check all that apply)

_____ Tutoring in a specific subject area  Choose one of the following:
_____ Cosmetology kit  _____ Child care during class time
_____ Nurse Pack  or  _____ Gas Reimbursement (over 40 miles
_____ Textbooks  round trip from resident to campus)

Academically Disadvantaged:
_____ Failed one or more sections of the THEA, Accuplacer, or any TSI placement test
_____ Enrolled in one or more remedial classes  _____ Ranked in the bottom quarter of high school class

Other:
_____ English is not my native language  _____ Physical Disability  _____ Documented Learning Disability

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES

I affirm that the financial information I have provided the Vernon College New Beginnings Coordinator is accurate and that I have no other financial resources at this time.

STATEMENT OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

I understand that the New Beginnings program is intended to serve only those students who have a career and technical education major. If I am presently undecided as to which workforce major I will choose, I fully intend to choose a certificate or associate degree in the workforce field at Vernon College within the first semester of enrollment. I am only allowed one change to my intended workforce major and will only receive funding through the completion of one degree/certificate. I also understand that pre-requisite semester’s will be limited. Intended career and technical education major: _______________________________________

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBILITY

I understand that receiving gasoline reimbursement or textbook assistance from New Beginnings may affect my financial aid eligibility, including loans. (Please notify the financial aid office, if you do apply for these benefits or have a question how it might affect your financial aid eligibility.)

_________________________________________  __________________
Signature                                  Social Security Number      Date

STATEMENT OF CHILD CARE

All students requesting child care assistance must apply with Workforce Solutions Child Care, a state subsidized organization by completing the attached Workforce Solutions application. If the student is placed on a waiting list by WSCC, New Beginnings will start funding the child care assistance until WSCC begins. If the student does not comply with this policy, he/she WILL be dropped from child care assistance from New Beginnings. You must notify New Beginnings when you are approved by WSCC. Sign the following acknowledgement and return with the attached WSCC application to our office when you file your NB application.

Student Name :_________________________________
SS#:__________________________________________

I understand that students receiving child care assistance from Vernon College must apply for state subsidized child care assistance with Workforce Solutions Child Care (940)723-8774 or (800)232-8359.

I will apply for assistance with Workforce Solutions Child Care, and I understand that I must call WSCC every two months to update my application, and accept Workforce child care assistance when it is offered.

I understand that failing to seek or accept state subsidized child care assistance is grounds for immediate termination of child care assistance from Vernon College.

I give my permission for New Beginnings staff to contact WSCC in regards to my child care.

_________________________________________  __________________
Student Signature                                  Date