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Governor Evers and the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) are pleased to announce the release of the 2023-2024 Youth Apprenticeship Local Grant and Program Application request for proposals (RFPs). The Evers administration and DWD are dedicated to empowering Wisconsin students to pursue opportunities that will lead to fulfilling careers through the Youth Apprenticeship program.

DWD utilizes industry-developed skill standards to expose high school students to real-life work experiences. Students connect with an experienced mentor in the workplace, receive related instruction, and apply coursework on the job. These on-the-job learning experiences provide critical insight to students as they make decisions about post-secondary education and training.

DWD believes all students can benefit from work-based learning experiences in high school, including through Youth Apprenticeship. The 2023-2024 RFP grant application emphasizes that Youth Apprenticeship is accessible to all students, including students at risk of not graduating, students in foster care, minority students, students interested in non-traditional occupations, and students with disabilities or Individualized Education Programs (IEPs).

2023-2024's RFP also emphasizes the transition from Youth Apprenticeship to Registered Apprenticeship. This robust connection offers students a clear path to a high-wage, high-skill career.

The deadline to submit proposals is March 31, 2023. DWD will not accept late applications. Any questions regarding the application process should be directed to Youth Apprenticeship Program staff at [YA@dwd.wisconsin.gov](mailto:YA@dwd.wisconsin.gov).

Thank you for the work you do to serve youth and employers in your communities.

Sincerely,

Amy Pechacek  
Secretary-designee