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Tony Evers, Governor
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Dear Stakeholder,

Governor Evers is pleased to announce the release of the 2025-26 Youth Apprenticeship Grant Program. Applications are now open, and the deadline to apply is April 1, 2025. Late applications will not be accepted.

The Youth Apprenticeship Program combines hands-on learning with rigorous coursework and mentorship, equipping participants with the education and experience needed to thrive in their chosen careers. The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) incorporates industry-developed skill standards to ensure students gain valuable, real-world work experiences while still in high school. Participants are paired with an experienced workplace mentor, take related coursework, and apply their learning on the job. These opportunities provide students with critical insights as they plan their post-secondary education and training.

For nearly 30 years, the Youth Apprenticeship Program has been an essential pathway for Wisconsin students, fostering career readiness and skill development. Today, nearly 10,000 students statewide participate in this program, and with this year's grant announcement, we look forward to its continued growth and impact.

We encourage you to submit your application by April 1, 2025. For questions about the application process, please contact DWD Youth Apprenticeship Program staff at YA@dwd.wisconsin.gov.

Thank you for supporting this vital initiative to prepare Wisconsin's workforce of the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy Pechacek".

Amy Pechacek
Secretary