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Tony Evers, Governor  
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We are pleased to announce the release of the 2020-21 Youth Apprenticeship Local Grant and Program Application Request for Proposals. As you know, Governor Evers is dedicated to empowering Wisconsin students to pursue opportunities that will lead to fulfilling careers through the Youth Apprenticeship (YA) Program.

The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) utilizes industry-developed skill standards that expose students to real-life work experiences while in high school. Students are paired with an experienced mentor in the workplace, take related coursework, and apply that coursework while on the job. These experiences provide critical insight to students as they make decisions about post-secondary education and training.

DWD wholly believes that all students, whether career- or college-bound, can benefit from work-based learning experiences in high school, including through Youth Apprenticeship. This 2020-21 RFP grant application emphasizes that all consortia ensure YA 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 IEPs.

In addition to broad student outreach through this RFP, DWD strongly encourages consortia to reach out to employers offering Registered Apprenticeship (RA) to promote the YA to RA Bridge program. This robust connection offers students a clear path to a high wage high skill career.

The deadline to submit proposals to DWD is April 1, 2020 and late applications will not be accepted. 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 community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Caleb Frostman".

Caleb Frostman  
Secretary