The American Apprenticeship Initiative (AAI) supports the expansion of quality and sustainable apprenticeship opportunities in high-growth occupations and industries, particularly Healthcare, Business Services/ Information Technology and Advanced Manufacturing. AAI training scholarships for registered apprentices and pre-apprentices are designed to promote pathways for demand-driven careers that meet the state’s economic, industry and workforce needs.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The objective is to promote apprenticeship approaches that are flexible and can be easily customized to meet the needs of the employer and apprentice. Upon completion of all phases of on-the-job learning and related instruction components, registered apprentices receive nationally recognized certificates of completion leading to long-term career opportunities.

Pre-apprenticeship services and programs are designed to prepare a diverse pool of individuals by providing career specific training and readiness skills needed on the job. In addition, pre-apprenticeship training can be an effective vehicle to streamline the recruitment process and help move job-ready apprentices into apprenticeship.

The AAI Grant is dedicated to direct tuition and training expenses up to $3,500 for each apprentice. The goal is to deliver high quality and affordable related training instruction for the apprentice and the sponsor.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

• Must be/become registered apprentices with the Office of Apprenticeship Training on or after October 1, 2015
• At least 18 years of age  (note: pre-apprentices must be at least 16 years of age)
• Hired and employed full-time through a sponsor company

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