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Tony Evers, Governor Amy Pechacek, Secretary-designee

Governor Evers is excited to announce the release of the 2022-23 Youth Apprenticeship Local Grant and Program Application Request for Proposals.

The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) believes that Youth Apprenticeship is an important option for Wisconsin students to experience careers, develop employment skills, and learn about their chosen occupation through related coursework. Youth Apprenticeship is built upon the idea that the combination of hands-on learning coupled with high-level coursework and mentorship can provide individuals with the education and experience to succeed in their chosen career. These experiences provide critical insights for students as they make decisions about post-secondary education and training.

Over the past 30 years, the Youth Apprenticeship Program has prepared more than 38,000 students for careers and post-secondary training.

This year's request for proposal emphasizes Youth Apprenticeship to Registered Apprenticeship Bridge opportunities to prepare youth apprentices as they transition into registered apprenticeships after graduation. This robust connection offers students a clear path to a high-wage, high-skill career.

The deadline to submit proposals is April 1, 2022. Late applications will not be accepted. Any questions regarding the application process should be directed to Youth Apprenticeship Program staff at <u>YA@dwd.wisconsin.gov</u>.

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