



SIX STEPS TO BECOMING A YOUTH APPRENTICE

What is Youth Apprenticeship?

A Youth Apprenticeship is an “earn while you learn” program with a built-in training agreement providing on-the-job training and related instruction. The training is received on-the-job where the employer teaches the skills of the occupation. The classroom instruction is geared towards knowledge pertaining to a specific occupation. Related instruction can be given by many sources such as a technical college, high school, or an employer training program. Youth Apprenticeships are one- or two-year options and many can bridge into a Registered Apprenticeship.

Step 1: Determine Which YA is Right for You

Explore occupations through your high school's career exploration program as early as 9th or 10th grade.

Step 2: Get Prepared & Apply

Get started by talking to your school counselor, Youth Apprenticeship Local or Regional Coordinator about how to apply and obtain career materials (plans of study) from your coordinator.

Step 3: Interview with Employers and Companies in Your Chosen Industry

If accepted, you are eligible to interview at a company in the industry where you are looking to gain experience.

Step 4: Participate in All Employer Orientations, Onboardings, and Safety Trainings

After a successful interview, you will participate in onsite orientation where, among many other things, you will get to meet your new mentor.

Step 5: Participate in Regular Progress Reviews

Complete your industry specific YA requirements as you work and study during your apprenticeship.

Step 6: Complete Industry Specific Classroom and Worksite YA Requirements

Once all your requirements are fulfilled, you will receive your Certificate of Occupational Proficiency (YA Certificate) from Wisconsin Apprenticeship.

Occupational Industries:



Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources



Architecture & Construction



Arts, A/V Technology & Communications



Finance



Health



Hospitality



Information Technology



Manufacturing



Marketing



Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STEM)



Transportation, Distribution, & Logistics

To find your Regional Coordinator visit: dwd.wisconsin.gov/youthapprenticeship/consortiums-directory.htm or contact DWD Youth Apprenticeship Staff at YA@dwd.wisconsin.gov.

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