

**877—19.5(15,15B) Eligibility for assistance.** An eligible apprenticeship sponsor or lead apprenticeship sponsor may apply to the authority for assistance under the program. To be eligible, an applicant must meet all of the following requirements:

**19.5(1)** The applicant is an apprenticeship sponsor, or a lead apprenticeship sponsor, that conducts an apprenticeship program that is registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship, through Iowa, for apprentices who will be employed at worksites in Iowa.

**19.5(2)** The applicant conducts an apprenticeship program that includes a minimum of 100 contact hours per apprentice for each training year of the apprenticeship program.

**19.5(3)** The applicant provides all of the following information to the authority:

*a.* The federal apprentice registration number of each apprentice in the apprenticeship program.

*b.* The address and a description of the physical location where in-person training is conducted.

*c.* A certification of the apprenticeship sponsor's training standards as most recently approved by the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship, or, in the case of a lead apprenticeship sponsor, a representative sample of participating members' training standards.

*d.* A certification of the apprenticeship sponsor's compliance review or quality assessment as most recently conducted by the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship, unless the apprenticeship sponsor has not been subjected to a compliance review or quality assessment. In the case of a lead apprenticeship sponsor, a sampling of compliance reviews or quality assessments from participating members will be sufficient.

*e.* Any other information the authority reasonably determines is necessary.

**19.5(4)** The applicant shall apply on or before February 1 of each year in which funding is available. The application submitted by the applicant should reflect program information from the prior training year. Because all applications to the program must be received in order to determine the amount of financial assistance available under rule 261—12.6(15,15B), the authority will not accept applications on a continuous basis.

**19.5(5)** An apprenticeship sponsor receiving financial assistance under Iowa Code chapter 15C is ineligible for financial assistance under this chapter during the same fiscal year.

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