

**871—69.12(15) Application scoring criteria.** When applications for financial assistance under the program are reviewed, the following criteria will be considered and scored as described below:

**69.12(1)** The extent to which the student is involved in a substantive experience in one or more of the following areas: research and development; engineering; process management and production; product experimentation and analysis; product development; market research; business planning; and administration. 25 points.

**69.12(2)** The quality and sufficiency of the explanation of the business's anticipated workforce needs and of the student's potential for prospective employment with the business following graduation. 20 points.

**69.12(3)** The extent to which the internship duties require independent judgment, creativity, and intelligence to complete and contribute to the business's goals or processes. 10 points.

**69.12(4)** The extent to which the internship will have a positive impact on the intern's skills, knowledge and abilities. 15 points.

**69.12(5)** The extent to which the internship pays more than twice the minimum wage. 10 points.

**69.12(6)** The business's contribution to the internship program is above the minimum program match requirement. 10 points.

**69.12(7)** Whether applications will be accepted by the employer from more than one private college, university or community college. 5 points.

**69.12(8)** Whether the application establishes that all considerations, including funding required to begin the internship, have been addressed. 5 points.

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