

871—67.3(84F) Program description.**67.3(1) Amount, form, and timing of assistance.**

a. Financial assistance received by an apprenticeship sponsor under this chapter shall be used only for the cost of conducting and maintaining an apprenticeship program.

b. Applicants are eligible to apply for grant awards annually based on the number of apprentices in an eligible apprenticeable occupation who are active in their program or who have completed a registered apprenticeship program in the calendar year prior to the applicant window. Applicants will receive \$1,000 per active or completed apprentice in their program, up to \$20,000.

67.3(2) Application.

a. *Forms.* All applications and other filings related to the program shall be on such forms and in accordance with such instructions as may be established by the department's Notice of Funding Opportunity.

b. *Application requirements.* An apprenticeship sponsor seeking financial assistance under these rules shall provide the following information to the department:

(1) The address and federal apprentice registration number of each apprentice who was actively training in the apprenticeship program as of December 31 of the year prior to submitting the application or completed training during the calendar year prior to submitting the application.

(2) The address and a description of the physical location where in-person training is conducted.

(3) A certification of the apprenticeship sponsor's training standards as most recently approved by the United States Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship, and the Iowa Office of Apprenticeship.

(4) A certification of the apprenticeship sponsor's compliance review or quality assessment as most recently conducted by the United States Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship, and the Iowa Office of Apprenticeship unless the apprenticeship sponsor has not been subjected to a compliance review or quality assessment.

(5) A program budget including how financial assistance awarded under the program will be used.

(6) Any other information the department reasonably requires to determine eligibility and to make award determinations.

c. *Application period.* Each fiscal year during which funding is available, applications for financial assistance will only be accepted between January 1 and February 1 of each calendar year following the start of the fiscal year. The department may adjust these dates under extenuating circumstances and will notify affected parties. The department may add a funding window if available funds are not exhausted during the initial submission window and will publish such application dates on the department's website.

67.3(3) Application review. If the amount of funding requested by eligible applicants exceeds the amount of funding available to the department in any given fiscal year, department staff will make recommendations to the director as to allocation of available funding based on the scoring criteria described in subrule 67.4(2). The department may deny applications for incompleteness or because of insufficient funds.

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