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SUBJECT: WSATC Quarterly Meeting Report – April 2024

New Sponsors Participating in WG-A

Apprentices at Atarashii Apprenticeship Program and Spokane Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers Apprenticeship Committee are now able to apply for financial assistance through the [WA Grant for Apprenticeship \(WG-A\) Program](#) using ANEW (a third-party servicer). The two new Sponsors join AJAC Advanced Manufacturing Apprenticeships and Evergreen Rural Water of Washington (ERWoW) for a total of four apprenticeship Sponsors participating in WG-A. WSAC anticipates additional Sponsors coming onboard in the next several weeks also utilizing ANEW.

Applying to Participate in WG-A

WSAC has revised the application process for state-registered apprenticeship Sponsors under chapter 49.04 RCW, who want to participate in the WG-A program using ANEW as a third-party servicer. Policies, procedures, and financial statements are no longer required for Sponsors utilizing ANEW. Sponsors interested in using ANEW as a third-party servicer should contact Reiley Clark at reiley@anewcareer.org or (206) 710-2195 for more information.

For any questions regarding WG-A, please contact Lyle Irimata at apprenticeship@wsac.wa.gov or (360) 515-3009.

Modifications to WG-A Satisfactory Program Progress

A full WG-A annual award is tied to a standard of 2,000 hours of On-the-Job Training (OJT) and 144 hours of Related Supplemental Instruction (RSI). WSAC will be allowing for Satisfactory Program Progress to be met by apprentices who complete a minimum of 1,340 OJT hours and a minimum of 96 RSI hours to allow apprentices more flexibility based on availability of work.

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Recently Passed Legislation Related to WG-A

Washington College Grant Lifetime Eligibility Expansion

The Legislature passed [Senate Bill 5904](#), which will extend eligibility under the Washington College Grant programs, including WG-A, from five years (or 125% of the published length of a program) to six years (or 150% of the published length of a program). The legislation will be effective July 1, 2024.

Native American Apprentice Assistance Program

The Legislature also passed [House Bill 2019](#), effective in Fiscal Year 2025, establishing a Native American apprentice grant assistance program to be administered by WSAC. WSAC will be developing the program through engagement with tribes and state-registered apprenticeship programs. This apprenticeship assistance program is separate from WG-A.