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SUBJECT: **WSATC Quarterly Meeting Report – July 2024**

New Sponsors Participating in WG-A

Apprentices at 11 additional program sponsor organizations are now able to apply for financial assistance through the [WA Grant for Apprenticeship \(WG-A\) Program](#) using ANEW (a third-party servicer):

- Construction Industry Training Council
- Inland Empire Electrical Training Trust
- Ironworkers Local 14 J.A.T.C.
- Ironworkers Local 86 J.A.T.C.
- Machinists Institute
- Northwest Electrical Industry J.A.T.C.
- Northwest Laborers-Employers Training Trust (NWLETT)
- Northwest Maritime Apprenticeship
- Performance Electrical Apprenticeship Committee
- Puget Sound Electrical J.A.T.C.
- Southwest Washington Electrical J.A.T.C.

The 11 sponsor organizations join 4 previously participating sponsor organizations with the WG-A program:

- AJAC: Advanced Manufacturing Apprenticeships
- Atarashii Apprentice Program
- Evergreen Rural Water of Washington (ERWoW)
- Spokane Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers

Applying to Participate in WG-A

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.

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2023-24 Preliminary WG-A Data

Preliminary 2023-24 data indicates that more than 800 apprentices across 15 sponsor organizations received more than \$2.76 million in WG-A and more than \$282,500 in WA Bridge Grant. Eligible apprentices were able to qualify for a WG-A award of up to \$4,573, and a WA Bridge Grant of \$500.

2024-25 Fiscal Year WG-A Award Values

For our current fiscal year, which runs from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, eligible apprentices may qualify for a WG-A award of up to \$4,763, and a WA Bridge Grant of \$500. [WG-A award amounts vary based on income](#). Awards can be used for tuition and fees, program supplies and equipment, and other approved costs.

2024-2025 Behavioral Health Apprenticeship Stipend Pilot Project

WSAC and ANEW have finalized an agreement for the upcoming year that will support this program development. Details to come soon.

State Approving Agency

The WSAC/SAA continues its goal to approve new programs and Apprenticeship organizations, provide technical assistance to veterans as well as support for Certifying Officials at approved training facilities. Currently there are 103 registered Apprenticeship Programs in Washington State approved for the use of GI Bill® education benefits and over 1000 veterans (and other eligible persons) that are actively participating in OJT/Apprenticeship programs.

On June 6th the WSAC/SAA hosted another Certifying Official Workshop for our OJT/Apprenticeship facilities at Avista's Training Campus in Spokane Washington. For those that are interested, we plan to host another workshop on the westside of the state this upcoming Fall. Details will be forthcoming.

Per Federal Law, JATC Apprenticeship facilities are considered "Deemed Approved" for approval making the process streamlined. If you are interested in becoming an approved facility for the use of GI Bill® benefits, please contact me 360-485-1208.

