



# APPRENTICESHIP ILLINOIS COMMITTEE April 2022 UPDATES

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## **Apprenticeship News**



Illinois Apprenticeship Program Benefits Local Businesses and Employees

US Department of Labor Announces \$113 Million to Strengthen and Modernize Apprenticeships



23 Year-Old Set to make 6 Figures Post-Apprenticeship

<u>\$500,000 to Fund Pre-</u> <u>Apprenticeship Program in</u> <u>Pekin</u>

Craft Apprenticeship Program Notice of Funding Opportunity



Colorado Turns to Apprenticeship to Recover from the Pandemic



Building a Better Life-Deyonna Hancock the Ironworker

Follow ApprentiScope for national apprenticeship news.

Have information to share? Email apprenticeship@illinoisworknet.com

### **Apprenticeship Podcasts**

- The Partnership on Inclusive Apprenticeship's <u>Apprenticeship for</u> <u>All</u> podcast series explores how inclusive apprenticeship programs are increasing employment opportunities for people with disabilities.
- Professional Apprenticeship's Podcast provides the latest news on apprenticeship, conversations with current apprentices and employers, and more.
- JFF offers a podcast looking at the <u>challenges and opportunities</u> <u>of youth apprenticeship</u>.
- <u>Apprentice Talks</u> is "a podcast made to educate, inform and give insight into what it's really like to be an apprentice and juggle multiple worlds."
- <u>The Fresh Apprentice</u>\*
- <u>The HVAC Apprentice</u>\*

\*Podcasts with an asterisk\* require a Freespot account\*

Looking for an Apprenticeship?



Picture Source here.

Check out the Becoming an Apprentice pages on the <u>Apprenticeship</u> <u>Illinois</u> website. Find information about the <u>industries and occupations</u> <u>sponsoring apprenticeships</u>. Use the <u>USDOL apprenticeship finder</u> <u>tool</u> or learn more about <u>specific Illinois apprenticeship initiatives</u> that are funded by the Illinois Community College Board and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Email <u>apprenticeship@illinoisworknet.com</u> for more information.

Have an apprenticeship opportunity to share? Email apprenticeship@illinoisworknet.com

## SAVE THE DATE: Upcoming Events

#### 2022 State Apprenticeship Expansion Virtual Institute

#### May 9th – 13th, 2022

The U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship will hold the State Apprenticeship Expansion Virtual Institute the week of May 9, 2022. The Virtual Institute will bring together state grantees and other key partners to showcase the roles states play as facilitators and drivers of Registered Apprenticeship Program expansion.

The Virtual Institute will include plenary sessions, technical assistance workshops, and state-led sessions highlighting innovative ideas and effective practices. Participants will gain new ideas, new connections, and new energy for their work to expand and diversify Registered Apprenticeship in their states.

State apprenticeship grantees will be invited to submit ideas for state-led workshops in the coming weeks. Stay tuned for more information on how to register!

What: 2022 State Apprenticeship Expansion Virtual Institute

When: Monday, May 9 through Friday, May 13, 2022 from 12:00 – 5:00 P.M. Eastern Time each day

Where: Virtual event

Who: State apprenticeship grantees and national and state apprenticeship expansion partners

Please mark your calendars for the Virtual Institute for the week of May <sup>(h)</sup>!

#### National Apprenticeship Week 2022 November 14th-18th, 2022

The US Department of Labor has announced the dates for this year's National Apprenticeship Week! Mark your calendars!

## Apprenticeship Employer Information

# **Apprenticeship Works for Business**



Apprenticeship combines related instruction in classrooms and on the job, wage gains for skill gains, and a credential.

Apprenticeship sponsors can apply for a Apprenticeship Education Tax Credit (up to \$5000) for qualified educational expenses.





There are over 16,000 apprentices in over 500 companies or programs through Illinois.

Employers receive a return on investment of \$1.48 for every \$1.00 spent on apprenticeship (USDOL national average).





Apprenticeship ILLINOIS.com Employers can train apprentices for the exact skills needed for the job. Nationally, 94% of apprentices who complete an apprenticeship program retain employment, with an average annual salary of \$70,000 (USDOL).

#### Learn more at www.apprenticeshipil.com

This workforce product was funded by a grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)'s Employment and Training Administration (ETA).

## Apprenticeship Education Tax Credit

Employers are allowed a tax credit for certain educational expenses associated with qualifying apprentices. Qualified educational expenses include tuition, book fees, and lab fees. The credit is up to \$3,500 per apprentice and an additional \$1,500 if (1) the apprentice resides in an underserved area or (2) the employer's principal place of business is located in an underserved area. The total tax credits may not exceed \$5 million annually.

Want more information about the Apprenticeship Education Tax Credit?<u>Click</u> <u>here</u> or e-mail: <u>CEO.ApprenticeshipCredit@illinois.gov</u>

#### Apprenticeship Employer Spotlight

#### **EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT**



Apprenticeship Employers keep apprenticeship alive. If you know of a fantastic Apprenticeship Employer in Illinois, let Apprenticeship Illinois know so we can spotlight them here in the monthly bulletin!

Email your submissions to apprenticeship@illinoisworknet.c om.

#### Apprenticeship Illinois Data

#### 16,393 Registered Apprentices



515 Registered Apprentice Programs



Information reported by 2021 Q2 Report. This information can be found atapprenticeshipillinois.com

## **USDOL-Illinois Office of Apprenticeship**

Did you know that apprenticeships in Illinois are registered by the U.S. Department of Labor's Illinois Office of Apprenticeship?

Illinois is one of 25 Office of Apprenticeship (OA) States in which all registered apprenticeship program registration and oversight is done by federal U.S. Department of Labor staff through state field offices. Find your regional OA Illinois Apprenticeship Training Representative (ATR) <u>click here</u>.

State Apprentice Agencies



## What is the IWIB Apprenticeship Illinois Committee?

The Apprenticeship Illinois Committee is one of 4 content-focused committees of the <u>Illinois Workforce Innovation Board or IWIB</u> and provides leadership on:

- 1. Expanding apprenticeships geographically and to new industries.
- 2. Increasing diversity, equity, and inclusion in apprenticeships.
- 3. Formalizing apprenticeship coordination across partnering state agencies.
- 4. Growing statewide capacity to provide apprenticeship opportunities to job seekers and businesses.

The Committee has public quarterly meetings and has workgroups on Marketing, Youth Apprenticeships (in recess until Fall 2022), Pre-Apprenticeships, and Apprenticeship Systems (on hiatus).

## Apprenticeship Illinois Committee 2022 Schedule

#### **Quarterly Committee Meetings**

- June 16, 9-11 am
- September 15, 9-11 am
- December 8, 9-11 am

#### Marketing Work Group

The Marketing Work Group meets monthly on the first Thursday, from 2-3 pm.

#### Pre-Apprenticeship Work Group

The Pre-Apprenticeship Work Group meets every other month on the last Thursday, from 10-11:30.

#### Youth Apprenticeship Work Group

The Youth Apprenticeship Work Group is currently in recess until Fall 2022.

Quarterly meetings and workgroup meetings, agendas, and materials are posted in the <u>IWIB calendar</u>. <u>Click here</u> for the March 2022 Quarterly Report.

### Find the Apprenticeship Illinois Resources You Need www.apprenticeshipil.com







## **Discover more about apprenticeship**

#### **BECOME AN APPRENTICE**

INFORMATION CENTER



#### EMPLOYER INFORMATION



## Find Apprenticeship Success Stories Online

#### Apprenticeship Success Stories

Success Stories highlight how apprenticeship programs have helped:

- An individual succeed in completing a program that has helped them reach their career, training, and/or employment goal,
- Business participation in apprenticeship program and how it helped the business change, grow, and helped their workforce,
- Communities change or grow and how it has helped the local workforce.

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### National Apprenticeship Resources

New Resources for Apprenticeship Practitioners from Maher/AIR:

- <u>State Apprenticeship Grantee Resource Guide</u> covers apprenticeship basics, state apprenticeship grant management, apprenticeship expansion strategy, and industry and occupationspecific information
- <u>Apprenticeship Expansion Acceleration Strategies Resources</u>
- Program Registration Acceleration Tool
- Apprenticeship Expansion Self-Assessment.





