

REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP FUNDING PROGRAMS FAQ



Iowa is committed to supporting Registered Apprenticeship programs via the Iowa Apprenticeship Act and the Iowa Registered Apprenticeship Development Fund.

IOWA APPRENTICESHIP ACT (15B)

- Funding available under this grant is based on the applicant's proportionate share of the statewide total of qualified registered apprentices participating in a qualified registered apprenticeship program
 - A qualified registered apprentice that can be included in the applicant's total apprentice count is defined as an active or completed apprentice during the most recent training year
- A qualified apprenticeship program must be registered with the United States Department of Labor (DOL), Office of Apprenticeship (OA) and must provide a minimum of 100 in-person contact hours to qualify for funding
- Grants received based on applicants' overall contact hours as a proportion of all applicants' contact hours combined. Contact hours are defined as "the combined total of apprentices and Related Technical Instruction (RTI) hours spent instructing apprentices for the most recent training year"
- To include registered apprentices in a sponsor's application for 15B, only registered apprentices who reside in Iowa may be counted

IOWA REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP DEVELOPMENT FUND (15C)

- \$760,000 available in the form of competitive grants to eligible Registered Apprenticeship program sponsors that have created a Registered Apprenticeship program in a high demand occupation or added a high demand occupation to an existing Registered Apprenticeship program in the calendar year prior to the application window
- A qualified apprenticeship program must be registered with the DOL/OA and have less than 20 registered apprentices
 - 70% of registered apprentices must live in Iowa; the remaining apprentices must live in states contiguous to Iowa
- Recipients eligible for up to \$25,000 per occupation for which they apply; awards to individual recipients for multiple occupations is capped at \$50,000
- Applications scored based on standardized questions in the application; recipients must receive at least 65 out of 100 points to be eligible for an award



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15B AND 15C SIMILARITIES

- Only Registered Apprenticeship programs certified by the DOL/OA are eligible to apply
- Application window for both programs is Jan. 1 – Feb. 1, information requested on application is based on prior calendar year (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31) apprenticeship program information
- Applications filled out online and require:
 - Registered Apprenticeship program information, occupation information and DOL ID number
 - DOL ID numbers and names of registered apprentices
 - Documentations signed and uploaded
- Once a grant is awarded, recipient will provide IEDA with details of expenses related to the apprenticeship program and will be reimbursed for expenses up to the total award amount
- 15B and 15C funds cannot be applied toward pre-apprenticeship program expenses

15B AND 15C DIFFERENCES

- Applicants can only receive a 15B grant OR a 15C grant in the same fiscal year, not both
- Applicants can apply for 15B grants each year; can only apply for a 15C grant in the application window after the calendar year in which the eligible occupation was established within their registered apprenticeship program
 - Applicants unsure of which grant to apply for should contact their DOL/OA representative or 15B and 15C program manager
- All registered apprenticeship programs in Iowa are eligible to apply for 15B each year; new Iowa Registered Apprenticeship programs with high-demand occupations are eligible to apply for 15C
 - High-demand occupations determined by the Iowa State Workforce Development Board and community colleges in consultation with IEDA
- Existing registered apprenticeship programs that added a high-demand occupation are eligible to apply for 15C

QUESTIONS

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