

2015 YOUTH ACCESS TO AMERICAN JOBS ACT

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America needs to be telling its young people it will invest in them. One key way to do this is to make sure students get the skills needed to succeed in their careers. That is why President Obama announced the largest ever investment in our nation's apprenticeship system in September. By awarding \$175 million in American Apprenticeship Grants to 46 different organizations across the U.S., the number of active apprenticeships in the United States is expected to increase by 34,000.

MORE THAN
90% OF APPRENTICES ARE
EMPLOYED AFTER
COMPLETING THEIR
APPRENTICESHIP.

AVERAGE STARTING SALARY OF
\$50,000
PER YEAR

EXPANDING APPRENTICESHIPS LEADS TO INCREASED EARNINGS FOR AMERICAN WORKERS

AFTER GRADUATING FROM AN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, WORKERS RECEIVE:



SOURCE: DOL.GOV

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GLOBAL RESULTS SHOW EVERY \$1 THAT EMPLOYERS INVEST IN APPRENTICESHIPS LEADS TO AN AVERAGE RETURN ON INVESTMENT OF \$1.47

AMOUNT INVESTED IN APPRENTICESHIP



\$1.00

RETURN ON INVESTMENT IN APPRENTICESHIP



\$1.47

SOURCE: AMERICANPROGRESS.ORG

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This investment in our nation’s apprenticeship system is a good first step, but it’s not enough. That is why I’ve introduced **the Youth Access to American Jobs Act of 2015**, a bill that connects students to training in STEM skills that prepare them for good-paying jobs in manufacturing. This bill creates a pathway that takes students in STEM-related fields from their junior year in high school through community college and into an apprenticeship.

YOUTH ACCESS TO AMERICAN JOBS ACT:

Directs the Secretary of Education to award grants to **ten partnerships** among local educational agencies, community colleges, and state apprenticeship or labor-management training programs.

Creates a pilot program with a **2-2-2 pathway** for students starting their junior year of high school, taking them through community college and into an apprenticeship.

Emphasizes STEM and STEM-focused Career and Technical Education, programs that **keep students engaged** throughout their learning process and give them the scientific and practical skills they need.

Enables local education and apprenticeship systems to work together to **prepare graduates** for success in manufacturing careers with STEM skills.

American manufacturing is an important pathway to the American dream for workers. The pathway approach this bill takes supports students from school into their careers, giving them the confidence to know they are working intentionally toward good-paying, in-demand jobs. And by linking schools with apprenticeship programs, students will gain hands-on experience and skills directly related to workforce needs in their area.

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