<u>Youth Apprenticeship Program</u>

What is the YA program?

Must be a Junior or Senior.

Youth Apprenticeship (YA) Program is a rigorous one or two year elective statewide program that combines academic and technical instruction with mentored, paid, on the job learning making real world connections for students. Youth Apprentices work a minimum of 450 hours at their YA worksite per year of their program and take related high school or college classes to enhance their worksite experiences. Several program areas offer an opportunity to earn credit at NTC for their successful completion and some Adult Apprenticeship programs will allow you to include the YA hours towards their program also.

Program Framework

Key elements of the youth apprenticeship program are:

- Industry-developed skill standards
- Exposure to multiple aspects of the industry
- Skilled mentors assigned to train the students
- Paid on-the-job work experience
- Related classroom instruction concurrent with work-based learning
- Curriculum guidelines for all programs
- Performance evaluation of demonstrated competencies
- State-issued skill certificate
- You can be released from school during your off periods to work but do not have miss any school to complete your required hours.

Program Timeframe

Level One:

- Junior OR Senior year of High School
- 450 hours of work-based learning MINIMUM
- 2 semesters of related classroom instruction

Level Two (standard YA program):

- Junior AND Senior year of High School
- 900 hours of work-based learning MINIMUM
- 4 semesters of related classroom instruction

Begin:

- As early as JUNE after sophomore year or as late as JUNE after the Junior year for a Level Two
- As early as JUNE after junior year for a Level One senior year or as late as FALL of the senior year

Complete:

- By AUGUST 31 following high school graduation
- Extensions beyond **August 31st** may be granted - submit request in writing to DWD at: **YA Program, DWD, P.O. Box 7972, Madison, WI 53707-7922**