



**Charleston Regional
Youth Apprenticeships**
AT TRIDENT TECHNICAL COLLEGE

EARN WHILE YOU LEARN

Regional employers are offering rising high school juniors, seniors and graduating seniors from Charleston, Berkeley and Dorchester counties the opportunity to "learn and earn." Youth apprentices receive paid on-the-job training along with related classroom instruction at Trident Technical College. The costs associated with the youth apprenticeship college courses are covered by the program for students who are hired by participating companies. This is a two-year program and applicants must be able to commit to the full two years if they are hired.

Students who complete the two-year program receive:

- Paid employment and mentoring from an industry professional
- A high school diploma (for those still taking high school classes)
- Approximately 30 college credits from TTC free of charge
- Credentials from the U.S. Department of Labor
- Two years of work experience
- Marketable skills for life

To be eligible, a student must:

- Be a rising junior or senior (at least 16 years of age) or a graduating senior
- Achieve qualifying placement test scores*
- Demonstrate academic readiness and responsibility
- Have reliable transportation to work and school
- Be legally able to enroll in post-secondary education and work in the United States

*Students may use their high school transcript in lieu of placement test scores depending on GPA and final grades in certain courses.



Two-year apprenticeships include these occupational pathways*:

- Automotive Technology¹
- Baking & Pastry
- Bookkeeping/Pre-Accounting
- CNA/Pre-Nursing
- Computer Networking
- Culinary Arts
- Cybersecurity
- Hotel Operations
- HVAC
- Industrial Mechanics
- Machine Tool Technology
- Mechatronics
- Medical Office Assistant
- Medical Lab Assistant
- PLTW Engineering Assistant
- Security/Pre-Law Enforcement¹
- Welding

¹Must have a valid S.C. driver's license

*PLTW applicants also have high school course requirements
*Not all pathways may be active during the spring hiring cycle.

Need more help?

We get it! If you have more questions or need help getting started or completing the application, email YouthApprenticeship@tridenttech.edu.



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Believe.
Succeed.**



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YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP FAQs



What are Youth Apprenticeships?

Apprenticeships are flexible training programs that cultivate well-educated, highly skilled workers able to meet the demands of a competitive global economy. Youth apprenticeships are open to high school juniors, seniors and graduating seniors, giving them the opportunity to earn while they learn through paid on-the-job training under the direction of an industry mentor. Youth apprentices also take college classes that directly relate to their apprenticeship. The demands of the program are significant, but so are the rewards.



Can I still participate in sports or other extracurricular activities?

Probably not. There simply won't be room in your schedule. Becoming a youth apprentice requires a serious commitment of time, effort and energy. You will be working a minimum of five hours per week for your employer during the academic year and then full time during the summer between the two years of the program. In addition to regular high school classes, youth apprentices take a specific sequence of college courses each semester throughout the two years. The program is designed for motivated students interested in gaining work experience, on-the-job and in-the-classroom training, and professional connections while still in high school.



Once my application is complete, am I in the program?

Qualifying placement test scores and a complete application packet are only the first steps. You have to be called for a job interview by one of the participating employers and then receive and accept a job offer.

YOU MUST BE HIRED BY ONE OF THE PARTICIPATING COMPANIES TO BECOME A YOUTH APPRENTICE.



How do I apply?

The hiring cycle starts every year in early spring. Talk to your high school counselor or click the QR code on the front of this flyer. It will take you to the CYRA web page where you will find directions and links to the application. If you have any questions, email them to YouthApprenticeship@tridenttech.edu.



Will my high school schedule change?

Your high school schedule may have to be adjusted to accommodate the college courses you will be taking at TTC. Youth apprentices usually take high school classes in the morning and their TTC classes in the afternoon or evening. It is very likely that you will need to arrange an 'early out' from high school in order to work and/or attend college classes. Your high school counselor will work with you to ensure you meet all of your academic goals and that you are on track to graduate with your high school diploma.