

**Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Program
Competitive Grant FY 2019-2020
Questions and Answers**

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Question #1: My agency did not receive the Pathways to Career Opportunities funding announcement memo. Does this mean that we are not eligible to apply for the grant funds?

Answer #1: The Department did not intentionally exclude any entity from receiving the initial grant announcement. In accordance with the request for proposals, the Department will not make a determination about eligibility until proposals are submitted. Our top priority in communicating the availability of this grant opportunity was ensuring that we reached as many interested applicants as possible.

To that end, the Department sent the notice to a robust distribution list, asked partner agencies to share with their listservs and created a simple URL, <http://www.fldoe.org/pathwaysgrant>, where the department has posted all of the information about the grant and the eligibility guidelines.

Question #2: Since it will take my agency sometime to create a new apprenticeship program, can we use this first year as a planning and development period and then enroll students in August 2020?

Answer #2: The intent of the grant is to increase capacity/completers by enrolling students during the 2019-2020 program period.

Question #3: Are nationally registered apprenticeship programs eligible to apply for the Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Program?

Answer #3: Nationally registered apprenticeship programs (registered with the United States Department of Labor) operating in the State of Florida and registered with the Florida Department of Education for reciprocity purposes are eligible to apply for the Pathways to Career Opportunity Grant Program.

Questions #4: Are student scholarships and stipends an allowable expense for school districts?

Answer#4: Yes. However, if the scholarship or stipend is to support tuition expenses, registered apprentices and preapprentices are exempt from tuition as per f.s. 1009.25(c) for School Districts, Florida State Colleges, and State Universities.