

**STEPS4GRWOTH Pre-Apprenticeship and Apprenticeship Programs
NC FUNDING AND SUPPORT HIGHLIGHTS* - Part I**

PROGRAM SUPPORT	APPRENTICESHIP NC Expansion Funds	APPRENTICESHIP NC Apprenticeships Building America	Youth Apprenticeship Tuition Waiver	LiNC-IT – Employment Program for Early Career Autistic Professionals
Available To →	Apprentices	Apprentices	Pre-Apprentices + Apprentices	Individuals with Autism
Other Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tier I & II counties only • Small businesses with fewer than 500 employees in one location • Ages 16-25 • New programs or revised programs with new occupation in various fields, including early childhood 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apprentice is seeking supportive services not covered by NCWorks • Apprenticeship program and apprentice must be registered after July 1, 2022 • New programs or revised programs with new occupation in various fields, including early childhood 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must enter apprenticeship program prior to graduating high school, OR • Upon completion of a pre-apprenticeship program, must register as an apprentice within 120 days of high school graduation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be registered with Vocational Rehabilitation
Wage Reimbursements and Supports for Employers	<p align="center">50% Reimbursement First 2,000 Hours or One Year of OTJ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High School (up to \$14/hr.) • Others (up to \$15/hr.) <p><i>Does not include classroom hours.</i></p>	N/A	N/A	<p align="center">On the Job Training wage reimbursement for 28 hours per week for up to 18 weeks</p> <p align="center">Job coaching for participant and their manager</p>
Additional Student Commitment	No additional commitment outside of apprenticeship agreement.	No additional commitment outside of apprenticeship agreement.	N/A	No additional commitment

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Employer and Sponsor Incentives	\$2,000 for each employer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Onboarding • Training • OSHA training • Uniforms • Insurance • Mentor stipend 	If eligible, one payment of \$2,000 for newly registered programs after enrolling first apprentice to cover supportive services	N/A	VR supports job coaching for participant VR supports job coaching for their manager S4G employers can receive online training to support all employees in supporting autistic team members
Educational Funds	\$2,500 per year x 2 years for each apprentice for community college curriculum (\$5,000 max reimbursable expense for employer)	One award of \$2,000 per new apprentice enrollment to cover related instruction at a community college: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuition • Books • Fees 	The waiver applies to the following, including programs during the summer term: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aligned curriculum tuition • Continuing education fees <i>NOTE: It does not apply to local student fees.</i>	Vocational Rehabilitation can pay for curriculum directly related to the job
CUT THIS	N/A		N/A	
Funding Timeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obligate by: 12/31/2024 • Expend by: 12/31/2026 Or until funds are depleted	<i>Until funds are depleted</i>	N/A	N/A

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Funding Source	NC General Assembly	US Department of Labor	NC Community College System	NC Department of Vocational Rehabilitation Services North Carolina Business Committee for Education (NCBCE) LiNC-IT Program
Web Site	www.apprenticeshipnc.com	www.apprenticeshipnc.com	www.nccommunitycolleges.edu	https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/ vocational-rehabilitation-services https://linc-it.org/
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