

NextLevel Jobs INDIANA

INDIANA'S NEXT LEVEL JOBS PROGRAM

provides Hoosiers with free training in high-growth, in-demand job fields. The Workforce Ready Grant pays for Hoosiers to earn a high-value certificate in one of five high-demand job fields and the Employer Training Grant provides employers with reimbursements for training their employees.

THE CHALLENGE

48.5% of Hoosiers have quality education and training beyond high school right now

60% Indiana's Big Goal for educational attainment by 2025

WORKFORCE NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES

546,000 high school students expected to graduate by 2024

1.5 MILLION working-age Hoosiers without a credential beyond a high school diploma

100,000+ current job openings statewide

1 MILLION expected job vacancies over the next 10 years

68% of Indiana employers say filling talent needs is a challenge †

ECONOMIC IMPACT GOAL

By 2030, Indiana will be in the top five of peer states for median household income



INDIANA'S CALL TO ACTION: NEXT LEVEL JOBS



Governor Eric Holcomb launched the Next Level Jobs program in 2017 to equip working-age Hoosiers and Indiana employers with the training and skills needed to succeed.

Next Level Jobs provides tuition-free training in high-demand areas:

- Agriculture ††
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Building & Construction
- Business & IT Services
- Health & Life Sciences
- Transportation & Logistics

INDIANA'S INVESTMENT

\$4 MILLION

available annually to students for the Workforce Ready Grant (up to \$5,500 for qualifying programs)



\$20 MILLION

available annually to employers through the Employer Training Grant (up to \$50,000 for employers)

RESULTS SINCE 2017

WORKFORCE READY GRANT

40,000+ Hoosiers enrolled

20,000+ Hoosiers completed a certificate

\$6,800 annual wage gain

EMPLOYER TRAINING GRANT

2,900+ employers have engaged

26,500+ trainees

\$5,900 annual wage gain

† Indiana Chamber of Commerce annual employer survey

†† Agriculture is offered through the Employer Training Grant only



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RAPID RECOVERY FOR A BETTER FUTURE: INDIANA'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY RESPONSE

Early in the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Holcomb tasked a team of state government, higher education, workforce and industry leaders to strategize a path forward to help Hoosiers get back on their feet. The Rapid Recovery for a Better Future initiative utilized \$75 million in federal CARES Act funding to scale up the Next Level Jobs program and other state initiatives.

▶ BETWEEN JUNE 2020 AND JANUARY 2021:



15,618 Hoosiers enrolled in the Workforce Ready Grant
7,994 Hoosiers earned a Workforce Ready Grant-eligible certificate

1,241 employers engaged with the Employer Training Grant
11,752 employees were trained
4,977 Hoosiers were hired with an average wage of \$20.86/per hour with the Employer Training Grant

▶ INVESTMENT IN THE NEXT LEVEL JOBS PROGRAM (JUNE-DECEMBER 2020)

**\$42
MILLION**

CARES Act funding investment in the Workforce Ready Grant between June and December

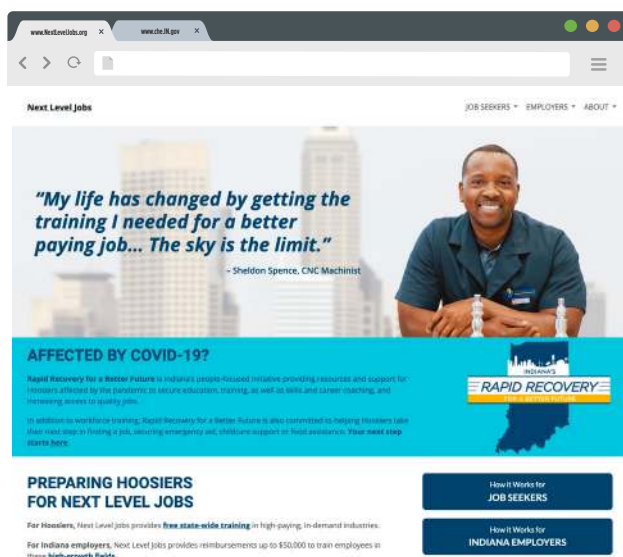
**\$41.9
MILLION**

state and federal funds obligated to employers for new trainees since July 1, 2020

▶ RESOURCES FOR HOOSIERS

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Job seekers and employers can connect to free education and training options.

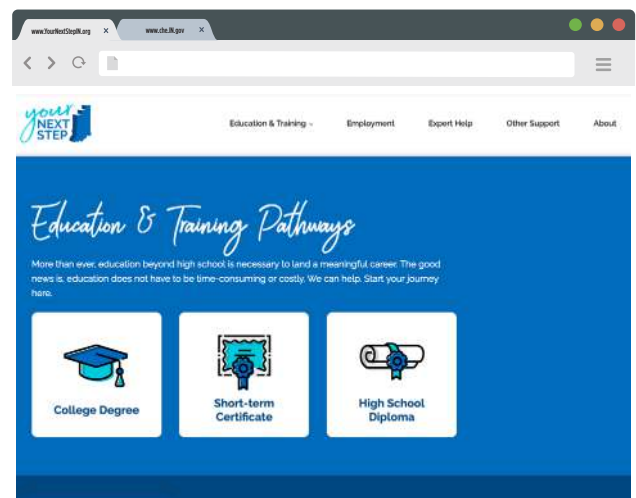


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A one-stop central resource for Hoosiers to connect to education and training options and employment opportunities, as well as other support (such as healthcare or childcare) and live experts in financial aid, education planning and career connections.



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