
— PARENTS & ADULT CAREER-CHANGERS · CALM Q&A · NO WAGE PROMISES

Six calm answers for families and adults exploring the trades. Every answer points to **public** tools — apprenticeship.gov and College Scorecard — not invented openings or wages. Independent map · not DOL · not a job board.

1. Do I have to pay tuition for a registered apprenticeship?

Often you are employed and earn wages while training; related instruction arrangements vary by sponsor. Confirm costs and wages with the *sponsor* and on apprenticeship.gov — not from a directory row. Classroom/lab schools are different: ask for an itemized quote.

2. Is there an age limit?

Many registered apprenticeships and certificate programs serve adults; rules differ by sponsor and school. Ask the organization you are considering. We do not invent eligibility cutoffs.

3. Do prior college credits or military training help?

Sometimes related instruction or course credit is considered — only the sponsor or school can say. Bring transcripts and ask in writing. Scorecard shows program facts, not your personal credit evaluation.

4. What if we might relocate?

Registration and hiring are often local. Search sponsors in the destination state on apprenticeship.gov and browse that state's lists on this site, then re-verify before applying.

5. How is this different from a “trade school ad”?

This directory maps DOL OA partner sponsors and Scorecard schools. Listing ≠ opening and ≠ ranking. Always double-check the sponsor on apprenticeship.gov and school facts on the school site / College Scorecard.

6. What should we do this week?

Soft path chooser → state lists → one public contact → send home with a double-check. Tools: path chooser · Week-1 tear-off · send-home sheet.

Counselors: keep step 3 — send them home with a double-check. Methodology:
registeredtradeschools.com/methodology/