

1 title I-B youth program under the federal workforce investment act of
2 1988. If a student qualifies at the time the student begins
3 participating in the opportunity internship program, the student
4 remains eligible even if the student (~~does not receive free or~~
5 ~~reduced-price meals~~) would not qualify thereafter. To participate in
6 the program, the student must remain enrolled in high school until the
7 student receives a high school diploma or receives a GED.

8 (3) "Opportunity internship consortium" means a local consortium
9 formed for the purpose of participating in the opportunity internship
10 program and which may be composed of a local workforce development
11 council, economic development council, area high schools, community or
12 technical colleges, apprenticeship councils, preapprenticeship programs
13 such as running start for the trades, private vocational schools
14 licensed under chapter 28C.10 RCW, public and private four-year
15 institutions of higher education, employers in targeted industries, and
16 labor organizations. Partnerships of high schools, teacher preparation
17 programs, and community-based organizations offering the recruiting
18 Washington teachers program under RCW 28A.415.370 may be considered
19 opportunity internship consortia.

20 (4) "Opportunity internship graduate" means a low-income high
21 school student who successfully completes an opportunity internship
22 program and either graduates from high school or receives a GED.

23 (5) "Postsecondary program of study" means an undergraduate or
24 graduate certificate, apprenticeship, or degree program.

25 (6) "Preapprenticeship" means a program of at least ninety hours
26 and not more than one hundred eighty hours in length that provides
27 practical experience, education, preparation, and the development of
28 skills that would be beneficial for entry into state-approved
29 apprenticeship programs, including but not limited to construction
30 industry structure and the construction process; orientation to state-
31 approved apprenticeship; tools of the various trades and safe handling
32 of power tools; and industry standards of safety, responsibility, and
33 craft excellence.

34 (7) "Targeted industry" means a business or industry identified by
35 a local workforce development council as having high-demand occupations
36 that require candidates to have completed a postsecondary program of
37 study.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28C.18.164 and 2010 1st sp.s. c 24 s 4 are each
2 amended to read as follows:

3 (1) Opportunity internship consortia may apply to the board to
4 offer an opportunity internship program.

5 (a) The board, in consultation with the Washington state
6 apprenticeship and training council, may select those consortia that
7 demonstrate the strongest commitment and readiness to implement a high
8 quality opportunity internship program for low-income high school
9 students. The board shall place a priority on consortia with
10 demonstrated experience working with similar populations of students
11 and demonstrated capacity to assist a large number of students through
12 the progression of internship or preapprenticeship, high school
13 graduation or receipt of a GED, postsecondary education, and retention
14 in a high-demand occupation. The board shall place a priority on
15 programs that emphasize secondary career and technical education and
16 nonbaccalaureate postsecondary education; however, programs that target
17 four-year postsecondary degrees are eligible to participate.

18 (b)(i) Except as provided in (b)(ii) of this subsection (1), the
19 board shall enter into a contract with each consortium selected to
20 participate in the program. No more than ten consortia per year shall
21 be selected to participate in the program, and to the extent possible,
22 the board shall assure a geographic distribution of consortia in
23 regions across the state emphasizing a variety of targeted industries.
24 Each consortium may select no more than one hundred low-income high
25 school students per year to participate in the program.

26 (ii) For fiscal years 2011 through 2013, the board shall enter into
27 a contract with each consortium selected to participate in the program.
28 No more than twelve consortia per year shall be selected to participate
29 in the program, and to the extent possible, the board shall assure a
30 geographic distribution of consortia in regions across the state
31 emphasizing a variety of targeted industries. No more than five
32 thousand low-income high school students per year may be selected to
33 participate in the program.

34 (2) Under the terms of an opportunity internship program contract,
35 an opportunity internship consortium shall commit to the following
36 activities which shall be conducted using existing federal, state,
37 local, or private funds available to the consortium:

1 (a) Identify high-demand occupations in targeted industries for
2 which opportunity internships or preapprenticeships shall be developed
3 and provided;

4 (b) Develop and implement the components of opportunity
5 internships, including paid or unpaid internships or preapprenticeships
6 of at least ninety hours in length in high-demand occupations with
7 employers in the consortium, mentoring and guidance for students who
8 participate in the program, assistance with applications for
9 postsecondary programs and financial aid, and a guarantee of a job
10 interview with a participating employer for all opportunity internship
11 graduates who successfully complete a postsecondary program of study;

12 (c) Once the internship or preapprenticeship components have been
13 developed, conduct outreach efforts to inform low-income high school
14 students about high-demand occupations, the opportunity internship
15 program, options for postsecondary programs of study, and the
16 incentives and opportunities provided to students who participate in
17 the program;

18 (d) Obtain appropriate documentation of the low-income status of
19 students who participate in the program;

20 (e) Award each opportunity internship graduate with the certificate
21 produced by the higher education coordinating board under RCW
22 28B.92.084 that notifies graduates of their eligibility for a state
23 need grant;

24 (f) Maintain communication with opportunity internship graduates of
25 the consortium who enroll in postsecondary programs of study; and

26 ((+f)) (g) Submit an annual report to the board on the progress of
27 and participation in the opportunity internship program of the
28 consortium.

29 (3) Opportunity internship consortia are encouraged to:

30 (a) Provide paid opportunity internships or preapprenticeships,
31 including during the summer months to encourage students to stay
32 enrolled in high school;

33 (b) Work with high schools to offer opportunity internships as
34 approved worksite learning experiences where students can earn high
35 school credit;

36 (c) Designate the local workforce development council as fiscal
37 agent for the opportunity internship program contract;

1 (d) Work with area high schools to incorporate the opportunity
2 internship program into comprehensive guidance and counseling programs
3 such as the navigation 101 program; (~~and~~)

4 (e) Coordinate the opportunity internship program with other
5 workforce development and postsecondary education programs, including
6 opportunity grants, the college bound scholarship program, federal
7 workforce investment act initiatives, and college access challenge
8 grants; and

9 (f) Provide stipends or financial incentives for internship and
10 preapprenticeship completion.

11 (4) The board shall seek federal funds that may be used to support
12 the opportunity internship program, including providing the incentive
13 payments under RCW 28C.18.168.

14 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28C.18.166 and 2009 c 238 s 5 are each amended to read
15 as follows:

16 On an annual basis, each opportunity internship consortium shall
17 provide the board with a list of the opportunity internship graduates
18 from the consortium. The board shall compile the lists from all
19 consortia and shall notify the higher education coordinating board of
20 the eligibility of each graduate on the lists to receive a state need
21 grant under chapter 28B.92 RCW if the graduate enrolls in a
22 postsecondary program of study within one year of high school
23 graduation or completion of a GED.

24 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.92.030 and 2009 c 238 s 7 and 2009 c 215 s 5 are
25 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

26 As used in this chapter:

27 (1) "Board" means the higher education coordinating board.

28 (2) "Disadvantaged student" means a post high school student who by
29 reason of adverse cultural, educational, environmental, experiential,
30 familial or other circumstances is unable to qualify for enrollment as
31 a full-time student in an institution of higher education, who would
32 otherwise qualify as a needy student, and who is attending an
33 institution of higher education under an established program designed
34 to qualify the student for enrollment as a full-time student.

35 (3) "Financial aid" means loans and/or grants to needy students

1 enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a student at institutions of
2 higher education.

3 (4) "Institution" or "institutions of higher education" means:

4 (a) Any public university, college, community college, or technical
5 college operated by the state of Washington or any political
6 subdivision thereof; or

7 (b) Any other university, college, school, or institute in the
8 state of Washington offering instruction beyond the high school level
9 which is a member institution of an accrediting association recognized
10 by rule of the board for the purposes of this section: PROVIDED, That
11 any institution, branch, extension or facility operating within the
12 state of Washington which is affiliated with an institution operating
13 in another state must be a separately accredited member institution of
14 any such accrediting association, or a branch of a member institution
15 of an accrediting association recognized by rule of the board for
16 purposes of this section, that is eligible for federal student
17 financial aid assistance and has operated as a nonprofit college or
18 university delivering on-site classroom instruction for a minimum of
19 twenty consecutive years within the state of Washington, and has an
20 annual enrollment of at least seven hundred full-time equivalent
21 students: PROVIDED FURTHER, That no institution of higher education
22 shall be eligible to participate in a student financial aid program
23 unless it agrees to and complies with program rules and regulations
24 adopted pursuant to RCW 28B.92.150.

25 (5) "Needy student" means a post high school student of an
26 institution of higher education who demonstrates to the board the
27 financial inability, either through the student's parents, family
28 and/or personally, to meet the total cost of board, room, books, and
29 tuition and incidental fees for any semester or quarter. "Needy
30 student" also means an opportunity internship or preapprenticeship
31 graduate as defined by RCW 28C.18.162 who enrolls in a postsecondary
32 program of study as defined in RCW 28C.18.162 within one year of high
33 school graduation or receipt of a GED.

34 (6) "Placebound student" means a student who (a) is unable to
35 complete a college program because of family or employment commitments,
36 health concerns, monetary inability, or other similar factors; and (b)
37 may be influenced by the receipt of an enhanced student financial aid
38 award to complete a baccalaureate degree at an eligible institution.

1 **Sec. 5.** RCW 28B.92.084 and 2009 c 238 s 8 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 (1) The board shall work with institutions of higher education to
4 assure that the institutions are aware of the eligibility of
5 opportunity internship graduates for an award under this chapter. The
6 board shall also create certificates that notify opportunity internship
7 and preapprenticeship graduates of their eligibility for an award under
8 this chapter and the importance of early filing of the free application
9 for federal student aid to secure their eligibility. The board shall
10 provide the certificates to opportunity internship consortia for
11 distribution.

12 (2) If an opportunity internship graduate enrolls within one year
13 of high school graduation or receipt of a GED in a postsecondary
14 program of study in an institution of higher education, including in an
15 apprenticeship program with related and supplemental instruction
16 provided through an institution of higher education, the graduate is
17 eligible to receive a state need grant for up to one year. The
18 graduate shall not be required to be enrolled on at least a half-time
19 basis. The related and supplemental instruction provided to a graduate
20 through an apprenticeship program shall not be required to lead to a
21 degree or certificate.

22 (3) Except for the eligibility criteria for an opportunity
23 internship graduate that are provided under this section, other rules
24 pertaining to award of a state need grant apply.

25 (4) Nothing in this section precludes an opportunity internship
26 graduate from being eligible to receive additional state need grants
27 after the one-year grant provided in this section if the graduate meets
28 other criteria as a needy or disadvantaged student.

29 **Sec. 6.** 2009 c 238 s 11 (uncodified) is amended to read as
30 follows:

31 (1) The workforce training and education coordinating board shall
32 conduct an outcome evaluation of opportunity internship programs. At
33 a minimum, the analysis shall examine the financial benefits of on-time
34 graduation, youth employment while in high school, postsecondary
35 education enrollment and completion, and adult employment in high-
36 demand occupations compared to the local and state costs of the
37 programs.

1 (2) The board shall submit a preliminary analysis to the governor
2 and the education and higher education committees of the legislature by
3 December 1, 2012, and a final analysis by December 1, 2014. The board
4 shall include in its final analysis whether the performance of the
5 opportunity internship program warrants expanding participation to
6 include students from middle-income families who do not qualify under
7 the income criteria for the program.

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