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Workforce Board Offering 10 Training Grants to Individuals Ready for a Career in Truck Driving NEW: Chilton Training Location Added

The Fox Valley Workforce Development Board, a regional 501(c)3 dedicated to creating the workforce of tomorrow, has financial resources to award 10 free training grants to eligible individuals with an interest in obtaining training in a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) program at Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC) in Appleton, Chilton, Clintonville and Wautoma, Wisconsin.

Each grant, valued up to \$6,000, will earn each participant a Truck Driving Technical Diploma, 9 credits and a Class A Commercial Driver's License from FVTC. Qualified participants will have all costs for these programs covered, including application fees, tuition, supplies, mileage back and forth to the classroom, child care and more, depending on eligibility. The program can start as soon as this summer or this fall, depending on your schedule and available slots at your training location. Training will include both classroom or online along with behind-the-wheel with a qualified instructor. Applicants should connect with the workforce board prior to June 1, 2021.

"There is a strong demand for professional truck drivers in our area, and this program can help you prepare for an exciting career on the road." said Anthony Snyder, CEO of the Fox Valley Workforce Development Board. "And with an average annual salary of more than \$47,000 just 6 months after a graduation, and a bump to nearly \$62,000 with 5 years of experience, this is a one of those dream careers for someone tired of living paycheck to paycheck."

These training grants are made possible by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Action (WIOA), a training program for qualified applicants executed by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL). Locally, funds are administered by the Fox Valley Workforce Development Board, based in Neenah. Not all applicants will qualify and funds are limited on a first come, first served basis.

For more information on the program or to begin the eligibility determination, please contact us through <u>foxvalleyjobcenters.com</u> or call or text 920-594-3655.

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Fox Valley Workforce Development Board (FVWDB) is a not-for-profit working to build a world-class workforce in northeast Wisconsin. Serving six counties — Calumet, Green Lake, Fond du Lac, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago — FVWDB collaborates with a number of state and local agencies to help job seekers gain the skills needed to find employment, and to help businesses find the highly skilled workers they need.

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