

## Key Requirements

<b>CLOCK HOURS</b> <b>150-599</b> Must stay within range	<b>PROGRAM DURATION</b> <b>8-15</b> Weeks (less than 15)	<b>TYPICAL AWARD</b> <b>\$2.2-4.3k</b> Pro-rated from \$7.395	<b>EST. ANNUAL STUDENTS</b> <b>~100K</b> By 2034 (CBO)
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## The 70/70 Performance Test

**≥ 70%**

**Completion Rate**  
Students must complete

**≥ 70%**

**Job Placement**  
Employed within 180 days

**< Cost**

**Value-Added Earnings**  
Cannot exceed earnings

## Student Eligibility

Requirements	Details
Citizenship	U.S. Citizen or eligible non-citizen
Social Security	Valid SSN required
Education	HS diploma or GED
Title IV	Eligible for federal student aid
FAFSA	FAFSA completed
SAP	Satisfactory academic progress
Bachelor's	<b>NEW</b> Bachelor's holders ARE eligible

## Budget & Impact Projections

<b>\$3B</b> 10-YEAR BUDGET FY2026-2035	<b>\$7,395</b> 2026-27 MAX PELL Maximum award amount
<b>July 1</b> PROGRAM LAUNCH 2026 start date	<b>50+</b> STATES & TERRITORIES Nationwide coverage

## Critical Policy Changes

- Governor Approval**  
State governors must approve all programs before eligibility
- Full-Ride Rule**  
Students ineligible if non-federal aid ≥ COA (July 1, 2026)
- Bachelor's Eligible**  
Students with bachelor's may use WPG for credentials
- Lifetime Limit**  
WPG counts toward 12-semester lifetime Pell limit
- SAI Cap: \$14,790**  
Students with SAI ≥ 2x max Pell are ineligible
- Interstate Agreements**  
Bilateral agreements required for distance education
- Foreign Income**  
Foreign earned income added back to AGI for eligibility
- Asset Exemptions**  
Small businesses, farms, fishing excluded from assets