

Congratulations! “Kosciusko Kickstart your career” wants to invest in YOU! Because of your interest in manufacturing and your willingness to invest time and energy improving your skills, you will increase your value to area employers while positioning yourself for better employment opportunities. Our community also benefits by raising the skill profile of the manufacturing workforce. **Kickstart** partners* offer you a **\$2,600 Scholarship** to prepare you for the **Manufacturing Skill Standards Council national credential, Certified Production Technician (MSSC—CPT)**. This scholarship pays your tuition to Ivy Tech Corporate College for the CPT preparation class, certification exams, WorkOne interview and job readiness workshops, as well as providing opportunities to talk with area employers that have endorsed the value of the CPT.

Kickstart partners will help you earn your CPT and facilitate in ways to help you secure manufacturing employment by:

- **Providing certified, expert instructors & trainers to facilitate your learning & growth**
- **Preparing you for an effective job search through work readiness workshops**
- **Continuing to inform employers about the benefits of hiring CPTs**
- **Recruiting employers for you to interact with**
- **Informing you about Hubs, Interview Fairs, other activities and resources to help you engage manufacturing employment**
- **Following-up with you after the CPT program and after you find employment**

As a **job seeker accepting my community’s investment in me**, I understand that my eligibility for this scholarship is **contingent upon a negative drug screen, funding availability and my willingness to meet or exceed the following expectations to:**

- **Treat this opportunity as employment that I want to keep.**
- **Attend every class and assessment appointment**, clocking in and out on time. I understand I am allowed no more than 3 attendance incidents, which may include absence, arriving late, or leaving early.
- **Accept responsibility for participating fully in the program**, by attending every class and assessment appointment, demonstrating a positive attitude, earning my CPT, and being a credit to the Kickstart CPT program. My participation in CPT training, the work readiness workshops and WorkOne Hiring Event depends on my attendance.
- **Participate fully and take responsibility for my learning** by completing all assignments, listening well, asking questions, sharing relevant experiences, contributing to discussions and team activities, helping others as needed, asking for and accepting help when I do not understand an assignment or begin to fall behind. I will consider my own and others’ experiences in light of what I learn about safety, manufacturing and production, quality and measurement, maintenance and global competitiveness.
- **Earn my CPT by preparing thoroughly** for each certification assessment.
- **Assume responsibility for my job search** by attending the work readiness workshops, CPT Hubs, the WorkOne Hiring Event, and working towards securing manufacturing employment. I will prepare myself to be the *strongest employment candidate* possible, recognizing my attitude, effort, knowledge and presentation will largely determine my success.
- **Assume responsibility for my success.** By assuming these responsibilities and upholding these standards, I can earn the confidence of Kickstart partners. I understand that it is up to me to make the most of this opportunity for success.
- **Maintain contact** with Kickstart partners and respond to phone calls and e-mails promptly. I accept that they need and want to know the outcome of their investment in me and I agree to stay in contact with Kickstart partners for up to a year after graduation.
- **Inform Kickstart partners when I accept employment**, providing this information:

+ Employer + Position + Date of Hire + Wage +Hours per Week

By signing this Agreement, I:

1. Acknowledge this Scholarship is contingent upon my negative drug screen and funding availability.
2. Indicate my intention to uphold the above expectations.
3. Authorize Ivy Tech Corporate College, WorkOne North Central, the Kosciusko Economic Development Corporation to release to and/or receive information from Kickstart partners and partner firms/employers about my eligibility for and participation in Kickstart and Certified Production Technician training and certification program, which may include my attendance, punctuality, progress, enrollment status, funding source, assessment results, eligibility for the *Kickstart/WorkOne Hiring Event* and/or other information related to training or employment opportunities.

Signature _____
Scholarship Applicant

Print name _____

Phone #s _____

Address _____

E-mail: _____

City, ZIP _____

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