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As part of its Northeast Wisconsin pandemic recovery ‘bounce back’ plan, the Bay Area Workforce Development Board (Bay Area WDB) is excited to announce the immediate availability of one hundred (100) vocational training scholarships available to Northeaster Wisconsinites.

Scholarships are available in amounts up to $8,000 for eligible individuals interested in pursuing technical training leading to a household-supporting career in one of five high-demand industry sectors – transportation, manufacturing, healthcare, construction, or information technology.

In partnership with area technical colleges, independent regional training providers, and Bay Area’s 11-county American Job Center system, these scholarships can be used by eligible participants for tuition, textbooks, transportation and childcare assistance, required tools/equipment/uniforms, and other costs directly associated with thousands of approved training programs.

“The Bay Area WDB fully recognizes the financial hardships and stress experienced by so many of our NEW community members and local businesses due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our staff have worked tirelessly and creatively to secure the appropriate resources to assist individuals’ education needs and/or return to the workforce. These unique scholarships are intended to provide the necessary financial resources and supports to folks interested in obtaining critical technical skillsets so desperately needed by our regional driver-industry employers,” Matt Valiquette, Executive Director of the Bay Area Workforce Development Board.

To learn more about these scholarship opportunities and begin the application process, please access the Bay Area Workforce Development Board website at www.bayareawdb.org or call your closest Bay Area American Job Center (map located at http://www.wisconsinjobcenter.org/directory/default.htm) and ask to speak with a “WIOA Career Services Specialist” about the training scholarship opportunity.

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