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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD & CABRILLO COLLEGE “PATH TO SUCCESS”

County funded with a Regional Equity Grant for Scholarship Collaboration

The County of Santa Cruz is excited to announce a California Labor and Workforce grant has been awarded, to fund up to 32 scholarships as a Regional Equity and Recovery Partnership between the County’s Workforce Development Board (WDB) and Cabrillo College.

The awarded scholarships, will provide eligible students enrolled at Cabrillo College with \$4,500 to cover fees and tuition toward certification in one of six approved certificated programs. These six certificates include the college’s IT Institute 11-week program, phlebotomy technician certification, culinary arts certification, completion of an entry-level construction course, completion of a basic construction course focused on fundamentals in carpentry, and a beginning course for those interested in becoming a community health worker. Students will also receive supportive services to cover fees such as interview clothing, tools and transportation costs.

Eligibility for this scholarship opportunity centers on students enrolled at Cabrillo who identify as an English language learner, homeless or housing insecure, immigrants, justice-involved individuals, people with disabilities, veterans, out-of-school youth (under age 18), first generation college students, low income or unemployed students. Recruitment starts now for the 2024 spring semester, and unless all 32 scholarship spots are filled sooner, will run through the fall 2025 semester. There is no prioritization beyond eligibility, and the first 32 eligible applicants will be offered this scholarship opportunity.

“These scholarships will provide students with the greatest need with an opportunity to obtain an industry recognized credential in a high-demand occupation,” said Santa Cruz County WDB Director Andy Stone. We encourage everyone who thinks they may be eligible to apply.”

For inquiries and to apply, please contact info@workforcescc.com, or 831-763-8518