



To: Parents of Sophomore and Junior Students,

Subject: Apprenticeship Scholarship Program

I am writing as a spokesperson for local industry to inform you of a new educational program that is looking for candidates. The Coweta County School System through the Central Educational Center, in cooperation with West Georgia Technical College, the German American Chamber of Commerce and local industries is offering sophomore and junior students the opportunity to enroll in an Industrial Mechanic Apprenticeship program. Eligible students will complete their high school diploma, an Associate Degree as an Industrial Mechanic, the German Apprenticeship certification and the U.S. Department of Labor Apprenticeship certification. At the conclusion of the program, students will be offered a job or help finding a job.

Eligible students will enroll at the CEC under the work based learning program. Each will need to pass the Accuplacer entrance exam as courses through West Georgia Technical College make up the bulk of the curriculum. Students will also interview with, be hired by and trained by a leading local manufacturing company following the identical Apprenticeship Training Program used in Germany, a world leader in technical training.

All tuition, books and fees at West Georgia Technical College will be paid for by the State of Georgia through the Move On When Ready (MOWR) dual enrollment program. All texts, tools, and materials needed for the German Apprenticeship Program will be paid for by the companies. The time spent by students training on the project based Apprenticeship program at the company is paid in correlation with the academic/apprenticeship year (year 1 at \$8.00/hr, year 2 at \$10.00/hr, and year 3 at \$12.00/hr). The combination of tuition and pay is effectively a \$30,000 plus scholarship with each student apprentice able to personally earn over \$20,000 during the three-year training time.

This program is this first of its kind in the USA with high school students. It has the full support of the Coweta School System and the State of Georgia. Lt. Governor Cagle, working with the German American Chamber of Commerce, created the Georgia Consortium for Advanced Technical Training ([www.GACATT.com](http://www.GACATT.com)) to oversee this program and similar programs being developed statewide to replicate Coweta County's.

Students completing the Accuplacer exam and interview process by August 13 will be able to join in a signing ceremony at the State Capital on August 14 at 2:00 PM, along with students from two other locations in the State.

Coweta County company members of GACATT include: E.G.O. North America, Grenzebach, Groov-Pin, Kason, Kawasaki (KCCM), Winpak, Yamaha, Yokogawa and new member Oldcastle. At this time there are five apprentices already hired for the 2017-2018 academic year and there are five unfilled openings.

For more information, immediately contact your guidance counselor, or fill out the contact details at the GACATT website listed above. This information is time sensitive to insure eligible candidates can become enrolled for the 2017-2018 academic school year.

Sincerely,

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E.G.O. North America