



Apprentice Travel Stipend

Travel stipends are made available for apprentices who reside 80 miles or more from the training facility closest to their address on file. These funds are intended to supplement the cost of travel.

How do I apply for a travel stipend?

1. Complete the Apprentice Travel Stipend Application.
2. **Attach proof of residence that is dated within 60 days of the class start date.**
 - Acceptable proof includes: a utility bill, phone bill, or current lease agreement.
 - The apprentice's name must be listed on the proof.
3. Submit the application (within 30 days of semester completion) to WECA
 - By mail or hand-delivery:
3695 Bleckely St
Rancho Cordova, CA 95655
(877) 444-9322
 - By fax: (916) 452-7011

****Applications must be received complete, with acceptable proof of residency, within 30 days of semester completion or your application will be denied – no exceptions.***

Once your completed application is received, it will be either approved or denied.

One or more of the following will result in your application being denied:

- Mileage is less than 80 miles. *WECA uses Rand McNally Maps' shortest route option to calculate mileage.*
- You were absent during the semester for which you are applying (**Make-up time will not qualify you for the stipend**).
- Your name is not listed on your proof of residence.
- The proof of residence is dated more than 60 days prior to the start of class.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Q. Is the travel stipend guaranteed for every semester throughout my apprenticeship?**
- A.** *No. The availability of travel stipends are determined based on the budget that is approved by the WECA Board of Directors each fiscal year.*
- Q. How long will it take for me to get my check after my application has been approved?**
- A.** *The \$350 travel stipend will be paid to each qualifying student within 30 days from the receipt of the approved application. The stipend check will be mailed to the address on file with WECA.*
- Q. Do I have to claim the money received from stipends as income when I file my taxes?**
- A.** *If you receive \$600.00 or more in stipends during a calendar year, it will be reported to the IRS as income. WECA will send you an IRS Form 1099-Misc each year around the same time that you receive W-2s from your employer(s).*

