

## SAE 2026 RFP Frequently Asked Questions:

- 1. Can we register apprentices within other non-traditional industry sectors? We have quite a few on our list that might not fit in those immediate categories.**

No. This RFP is for Advanced Manufacturing and Supply Chain, Educational Services (K-12 Teachers, Early Childhood Education), Health and Human Services, Information Technology. Section E of the RFP.

- 2. Wondering when the apprentices can start being enrolled if an award is received. From what I understand, the apprentices could be registered from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026. The funds have to be allocated between March 1, 2026 and September 30, 2026. Is that correct?**

Yes. Section L of the RFP.

- 3. In regard to page 3; section E. opportunity, is it accurate that proposals can be submitted reflecting sectors outside of the four listed (with the understanding that priority will be given to those identified)?**

That is not accurate. We are looking at proposals directly addressing the 4 industries listed in the RFP and expect that if chosen, grant funds will only go towards those 4 industries.

- 4. The apprentices/employers did not receive any funding from previous SAE 2023/2025 grants. Would the MISTAIRS/MISTAIRS EXT apprentices be eligible for SAE 2026 funding? (assuming eligible occupations and eligible activity in a USDOL RAP between 10/1/25-9/30/26)?**

Yes, MiSTAIRS participants are eligible for SAE 26 grant funds if they are (per Section L of the RFP):

- A. Active in a USDOL RAP between October 01, 2025, and September 30, 2026
- B. Served with grant funds between March 1, 2026, and September 30, 2026

- 5. Can eligible organizations apply if they were not previous SAE grant recipients?**

Yes. Please show similar type of work your organization has done in the past.

- 6. Millwright and IBEW employers often rotate apprentices based on projects from employer to employer. How long does the apprentice need to be assigned to the same employer for this program? When does that time begin?**

They should follow their DOL approved Registered Apprenticeship program. It starts when the RA starts their RAP

- 7. Does prior experience with the SAE grant count if the eligible respondent was not the primary recipient of SAE grant funds? If the eligible respondent provided support for the SAE recipient, does that experience count for this RFP?**

We encourage all organizations applying to demonstrate their past experience that demonstrates their ability to be able to successfully complete this grant.

- 8. Given the short time frame for the performance of the grant, will respondents be held to outcomes for RAP completion if apprentices are involved in a 3- or 4-year program? Does that also apply to other performance indicators, including measurable skills gains, wages at the 2nd and 4th quarter after exit, and credentials?**

Attachment C lists all OSMIS requirements. We strongly encourage all organizations to put all information for their RAs into OSMIS. It helps create valuable data so we can show our successes doing this work.

- 9. For eligible participants who were active in a USDOL RAP between October 1, 2025, and September 30, 2026, does it matter which year of the apprenticeship they are in? Should we prioritize apprentices who will be completing the RAP by September 30, 2026?**

All eligible participants are equally eligible under this grant.

- 10. To enroll a participant in SAE 2026, what are some of the specific SAE grants that they need to be co-enrolled in? Is this a preference/suggestion, or an outright requirement?**

In Section L where this is listed, it says “when eligibility permits”. You must braid funding when the opportunity exists.

- 11. Do they have to complete their RAP and exit by Sep 30, 2026, or is this merely a performance measure that we would track for those RAs that do?**

They have to be in a RAP on or before September 30, 2026.

- 12. Will SAE 2026 funding be braidable with Going Pro Apprentice funding? (GPA is not specifically listed as an exclusion as SAE 2023 and SAE 2025 are.)**

Yes. Going Pro is braidable with SAE 26.

**13. RFP notes reimbursement as \$4,000/RA (RTI or OJL) - is Apprentice Enrollment Incentive (AEI) a component of the reimbursement amount?**

No. AEI is not allowable for reimbursement.

**14. Selective Service requirement - Is a waiver allowed or are individuals that were required to register but did not do so strictly not eligible?**

Selective Service registration is not required for enrollment. However, other workforce programs may require registration. Make sure it is not a requirement when braiding with other funding sources.

**15. RFP lists additional OSMIS fields under the Assistance and Barriers sections that were not required under previous grants. Please confirm that these are required fields: Annual Income, Family Size, Single Parent, Homeless Participant.**

No. These are not required but they are recommended.

**16. RFP lists a new field under the Education section of the OSMIS Registration. The field is: "Current post-secondary credentials, certificates, licenses". This field is not listed in the AP Guide for OSMIS (January 2026 edition). Will this be a drop-down list that allows multiple selections?**

This field will not be required.