

TechHire Grant

Referral and Questionnaire Form – Northeastern Region

What Is the TechHire Grant?

Available through the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment & Training Administration H1-B Grants Program, the TechHire Maine partnership will be used to help expand and enhance education and job training for Maine residents seeking to work in the information technology (IT) industry. The TechHire Maine program focus is to recruit, assess, train and place young adult and underserved individuals into Maine's IT industry.

Services Available Under TechHire

Each TechHire participant will receive intensive, wrap-around services to support individuals in obtaining well-paying, middle- and high-skilled occupations in Maine's Information Technology industry. Through the development of an individual service strategy, each participant will enter one of three service tracks:

Track One Rapid employment is reserved for candidates who require targeted career coaching or need to acquire an industry-specific credential to obtain employment. For those who have the interest, aptitude, or aspiration for IT but have not achieved technical competency.

Track Two will prepare the participant for employment utilizing accelerated or short-term training modalities leading to an industry recognized credential.

Track Three is designed for individuals with little work history or experience or who may be in need of the most intensive service intervention, including English language learners, individuals who are in need of work readiness skills, or those in need of developmental education programs.

Name: _____

City/Town of Residence: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Preferred method of contact: Phone Email

Gender: Male Female I choose not to self-identify

Age: Are you between the ages of 17-29? Are you 30 years old or older?

Did you serve in the Armed Forces of the United States? Yes No

Do you lack the educational attainment, work experiences, and/or skill-level necessary to secure full-time employment in middle or high-skill jobs? Yes No

Are you unemployed? Yes No

If you are employed, are you looking for full-time work commensurate with your level of education, skills, training, or wage and/or salary earned previously? Yes No

Do you have temporary, seasonal, and/or part-time¹? Yes No

¹ Part-time work is defined as 30 hours a week or less

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How did you hear about TechHire?	<input type="checkbox"/> Maine CareerCenter <input type="checkbox"/> Friend <input type="checkbox"/> Educate Maine <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Media <input type="checkbox"/> Educational Institution Name _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
Are you currently employed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Specify:
If you are currently employed: How many hours per week do you work? _____ How much do you make per hour? _____		
Are you currently attending post-secondary schooling? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If attending, what is your projected completion date? _____		
Do you have related training or work experience in the information technology field (please describe)? _____ _____		
Have you researched job openings or training options in these occupation areas?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Specify findings:
Participation		
Goals/Motivation for Participating (Check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Get a full-time job <input type="checkbox"/> Get a part-time job <input type="checkbox"/> Learn skills for new occupation	<input type="checkbox"/> Obtain certificate/ degree in _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
Current Participation/Co-enrollment in Other Programs (Check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) <input type="checkbox"/> Maine Job Link <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment Insurance (UI) <input type="checkbox"/> Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) <input type="checkbox"/> TANF Program <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Education Program (specify):	<input type="checkbox"/> Other public assistance Specify: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Community College <input type="checkbox"/> Pell Grant Recipient <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Do not know or Not Applicable to me

I, _____, do hereby request and authorize Eastern Maine Development Corporation staff and/or authorize designees to exchange information regarding my case/services under the TechHire grant and other associated workforce development programs as may be appropriate (e.g., WIOA, CSSP). I understand that the sharing of information may occur for the purpose of determining program eligibility, assessment, case management and training plans. This may include sharing relevant personal information to partner agencies, including but not limited to:

Coastal Counties Workforce, Inc.

Adult Education

Maine Department of Labor

Maine Department of Health and Human Services

Northeastern Workforce Development Board

Central/Western Maine Workforce Development Board

Educate Maine

U.S. Department of Labor

Maine Department of Vocational Rehabilitation

Division of Blind and Visually Impaired

University of Maine Augusta

Workforce Solutions

In addition, I also hereby request and authorize Workforce Solutions staff to share relevant information with employers, schools/training providers, social service agencies, and other pertinent organizations as may be necessary for referral purposes and for training and/or employment opportunities.

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

Please note if applicant is under 18 signature of parent/guardian required.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

Return the completed questionnaire to:

Ryan Grindle
Career Advisor/ IT Sector Specialist
Eastern Maine Development Corporation
RGrindle@emdc.org
Office: 207-974-3220 Cell:207-356-3819

(Program Navigator or Adult Education Staff Member Reviewing Form)

How did the candidate meet the eligibility guidelines?

What are next steps with this candidate?

Recommended for
TechHire Intake:

Yes
 No

Date

TechHire Staff
Name Reviewing

TechHire Staff
Signature

Adult Education Provider: please return this to the TechHire Navigator listed above with a copy of the CASAS Reading and Math assessment scores completed in the past six months, as well as the WOWI score and interpretative reports and the signed, completed TechHire Maine Assessment Cover Sheet.