New Application Period for TechCred: August 2020

One way to boost Ohio’s manufacturing talent is through the use of TechCred – an innovative program that reimburses employers that help employees earn industry-recognized, technology-focused credentials. (See this infographic for an easy-to-understand explanation of the program.) In the first four rounds of the program, 695 Ohio employers were allocated TechCred funding, supporting 7,473 technology-focused credentials to be earned by employees. Manufacturers have accounted for more than half of all approved applications.

Earlier this year, updates were made to TechCred to support the changing needs of Ohio businesses and workers during the COVID-19 crisis. The list of eligible TechCred credentials now includes examples of education and training providers that offer each certificate or certification as a resource to employers. Employers are welcome to work with a training provider that is not listed.

OMA members interested in applying for TechCred reimbursement have another opportunity. The new online application period opened August 4, 2020 and will end Monday, Aug. 31, 2020. Here are some key points about the program:

- Employers can receive up to $2,000 for each current or new employee who earns a qualified credential (up to $30,000 per funding round).

- Businesses of all sizes are eligible.

- There is a pre-approved list of credentials, including industrial maintenance and welding certifications. Employers may request that new credentials be added simply by submitting an application, which will be reviewed by a panel of stakeholders. The OMA is involved in this effort to review newly submitted credentials.

- More than 400 of the program’s approved credentials can be earned online.

- Here is a recorded webinar about the TechCred program that the OMA created in conjunction with the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation.

Employers that apply for TechCred funding have good odds of approved. If your business is interested, visit TechCred.Ohio.gov and submit your application by August 31. For questions regarding your application, click here.