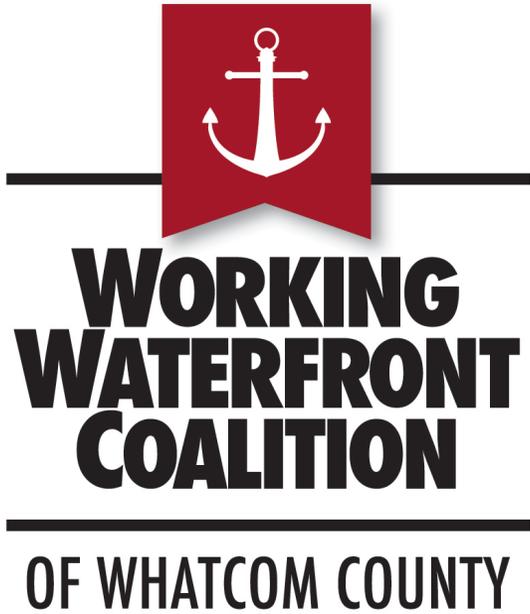




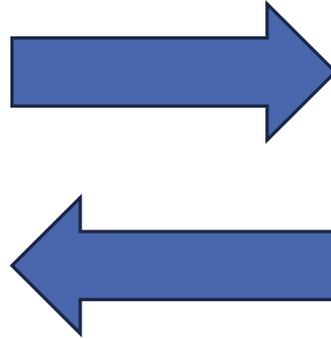
**WHATCOM
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Maritime Career Pipelines
WPPA Commissioners Seminar 2025

TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2025



- Member-based organization
- 501c6
- Lobbying & Advocacy



- Non-member based organization
- 501c3
- Education & Enhancement



NORTHWEST MARITIME APPRENTICESHIP

TRAINING MARINE SERVICE
TECHNICIANS

Northwest Maritime Apprenticeship



- A robust, four-year, registered apprenticeship training **Marine Service Technicians (MST)**.
- A MST, is a skilled tradesperson who builds, refits, maintains, surveys, and/or repair vessels. They work in marinas, boatyards, service center, and specialty business serving the small craft recreational & commercial marine industry.
- Adopted from the **Quadrant Marine Institute**.

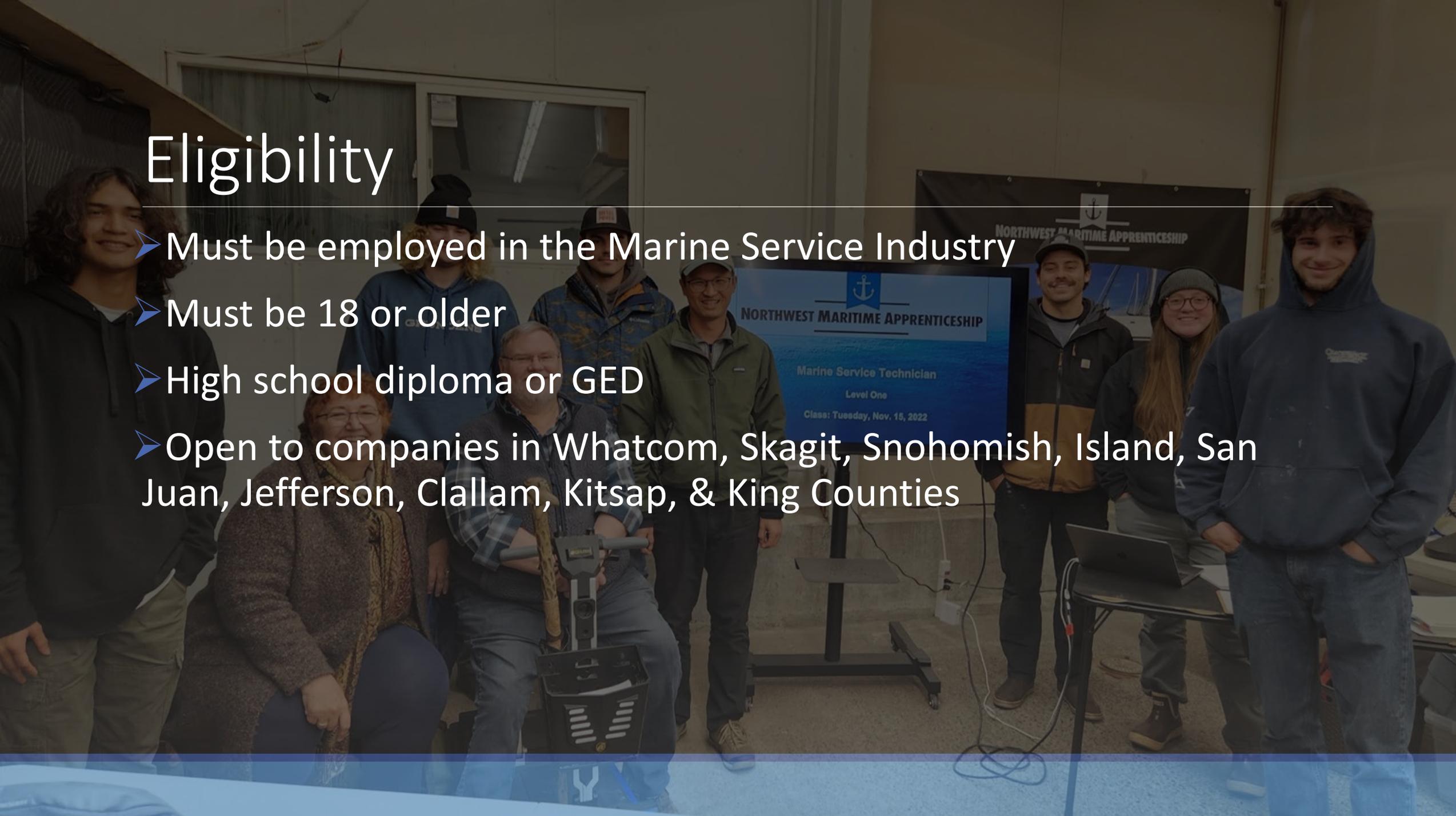
Related Supplemental Instruction

- Comprehensive Vessel Instruction
 - Fundamentals and theory
 - Hands-on practical application
- Classes run:
 - One evening class a week
 - One Saturday Practical Workshop a month
 - September – April
 - 80% of training comes from on-the-job
- Subject Matter Experts



Eligibility

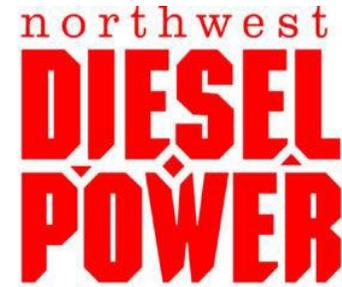
- Must be employed in the Marine Service Industry
- Must be 18 or older
- High school diploma or GED
- Open to companies in Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, Island, San Juan, Jefferson, Clallam, Kitsap, & King Counties



Our current "Training Agents"



YACHT SALES, CHARTERS AND SERVICES



VOLVO PENTA | marine propulsion





New Program: Buoyant Beginnings Pre-apprenticeship



- Partnership with Lummi Nation (tribal & non-tribal students)
- 6-week paid summer course for marine trades and commercial fishing
- Focuses on:
 1. Professional Development
 2. Skills Training
 3. Employment Readiness
- 2-week work experience at a local marine company/commercial fishing



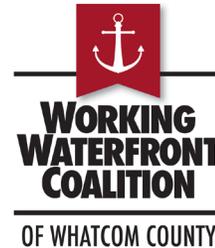


Eligibility for Buoyant Beginnings

- Ages 18-29
- Unemployed, underemployed, precariously employed
- Committed, willingness to learn and get employed after training
- Serving Whatcom & Skagit Counties



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