

# National APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

APRIL 26 – MAY 2, 2026

## National Apprenticeship Week 2026

*New Season, Same Mission: NAW moves to the Spring*

### WHAT IS NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK?

**National Apprenticeship Week (NAW)** is a nationwide celebration where ApprenticeshipUSA partners – employers, industry associations, labor organizations, community-based organizations, workforce partners, educational institutions, federal, state, and local government agencies and more - host apprenticeship events and issue proclamations across the country to demonstrate the value of Registered Apprenticeship in meeting critical industry workforce needs. This proven, industry-driven workforce strategy drives economic growth across all industries. Registered Apprenticeship develops the highly skilled workforce that employers need and creates pathways for career seekers to secure in-demand, high-paying careers. This NAW is an opportunity to promote and expand Registered Apprenticeship and exceed the 1 million active apprentice goal to meet industry workforce needs and get career seekers into quality jobs.

The year 2026 marks the 12th annual NAW, which will take place from **April 26 – May 2**. It will be the first NAW held in the spring and is anticipated to be the biggest celebration yet! Based on ApprenticeshipUSA partner feedback, NAW moved to the spring to capitalize on warmer weather, recognize apprentice graduation ceremonies, and connect with other springtime celebrations, so the Department is expecting thousands of events this year. Future NAW celebrations will take place during the following dates:

- April 25 – May 1, 2027
- April 23 – April 29, 2028

The theme for NAW 2026 is **“America at Work: Making America Skilled Again Through Registered Apprenticeship”**. As the nation celebrates its 250th year and continues its reindustrialization under President Trump’s leadership, the NAW 2026 theme reflects Registered Apprenticeship’s prominence as a key strategy to ensure the American worker is equipped for the skilled jobs of today and tomorrow. Apprenticeship events and proclamations this year will also highlight how Registered Apprenticeship has gained increased recognition worldwide as a tool to get America skilled again. Expanding Registered Apprenticeship will address some of our nation’s most pressing workforce challenges such as filling the growing demand for skilled trades, advanced manufacturing, shipbuilding, AI, nuclear energy, and other industries and occupations.



**NAW Achievements Over the Past 12 years:**

- ✓ All 50 U.S. states and territories participated
- ✓ Over 10,200 events held
- ✓ Over 3,250 proclamations signed
- ✓ Over 2,000,000 attendees

