



Emerald Trail Stewards (ETS) Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program

The Emerald Trail Stewards (ETS) Pre-apprenticeship Training Program is a hands-on paid landscaping training program targeting individuals underrepresented in the industry.

The goal of the program is to change the trajectory of individuals' lives by connecting them to work in the community where they live.

Pre-apprentices are adults (18 +) recruited from within GWJax's service area (zip codes 32202, 32204, 32206, 32208, 32209, & 32254).

Upon completion of a six-month training program, Pre-apprentices will earn two entry-level certifications in horticulture and landscape maintenance and installation.

The program is in partnership with Florida Nursery Growers and Landscape Association (FNGLA) and the University of North Florida (UNF).

Within six months of completion, Pre-apprentices will be hired by GWJax to maintain the Emerald Trail or another employer; enter FNGLA's paid apprenticeship program or will be connected to an educational opportunity.

[Complete the Online Application](#)

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