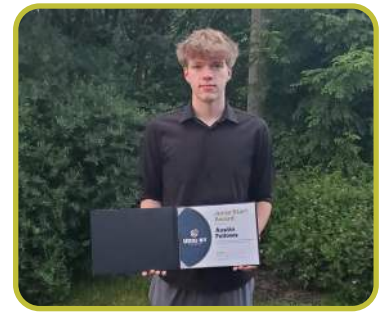




JUMP START

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Previous awardees pictured.



Are you a student planning to graduate from a BOCES program, trade school or high school in 2025? Do you plan to enter the construction or excavation industry after you graduate, and have an interest in safety?

If you answered yes, consider applying for UDig NY's Jump Start Award. This cash award is an initiative of UDig NY's Damage Prevention Councils (DPCs). At least eight \$500 awards will be available across UDig NY's DPC regions in 2025.



\$500 Cash



Who can apply?

BOCES, trade school, and high school students who live and study in Upstate New York, and are graduating in 2025.

When can I apply?

The online application period runs from Tuesday, October 15, 2024, to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 14, 2025.

How do I apply?

1. Visit UDigNY.org/jump-start or scan the QR code
2. Complete the **FREE** student version of UDig NY's Certified Excavator Program
3. Fill out and submit the easy online application form

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