

About the DSSF Workforce Development Program

The [Door Security and Safety Foundation](#) (DSSF) and the [Door and Hardware Institute](#) (DHI) have launched the first-ever Workforce Development Program aimed at preparing high school and college students to enter the door security and safety profession with foundational industry knowledge.

This new initiative opens the door for young people to discover a rewarding and often overlooked career path — one that doesn't require a college degree, offers near-guaranteed job security, and boasts high salary potential earlier than many other industries.

What's included?

- FREE, self-paced online coursework with no prerequisites:
 - COR101 – Fundamentals of Architectural Doors and Hardware
 - COR102 – Introduction to Building Codes
- Students earn the DHIA certificate after completing 40+ hours of coursework.
- Upon completion they will receive a digital copy of their DHIA certificate indicating their successful completion.
- After certification, students are given access to [DHI's Career Center](#), viewed by hundreds of companies nationwide, and promoted to local employers seeking new employees.

What are the requirements for eligibility?

- Students must be enrolled in their respective high school or university as an active student.
- Students must never have worked for a distributor or manufacturer company within our industry.
- Students must have a valid email address and ability to access courses online.

How will students take the training?

Courses are offered online and self-paced with no time limit to complete.

How long will it take to complete the required courses?

If a student dedicates just a couple hours a night to learning, they should complete both modules in about 2 weeks.

How much will this program cost?

Nothing! This initiative is provided on behalf of the generous donors of the Door Security and Safety Foundation and on behalf of staff efforts at the Door and Hardware Institute to enroll and facilitate training.

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