

Greater Peninsula Summer Youth Employment Program

Public School Divisions (open to all eligible in-school and out-of school youth)

General Program Information and Request for Youth Application

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was signed by President Obama on February 17, 2009. One of the major provisions of this law is the creation of summer employment opportunities for youth between the ages of 14-24 who meet the eligibility requirements of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA).

The Summer Employment Program is designed to provide eligible youth with paid work experiences in supervised job settings. Most opportunities will offer \$7.25 per hour, 32 hours per week, 4 – 8 weeks of work experience, and convenient site placement if possible.

On the Greater Peninsula (Hampton, Newport News, York County, Williamsburg/James City County, Poquoson and Gloucester) the summer employment program is being managed by the Peninsula Council for Workforce Development through a number of Host Service Providers.

To be **ELIGIBLE** for services under this program you must:

- Be between the ages of 14-24 and....
- Meet Family Unit Low Income guidelines*** AND/OR (NOTE: See reference below regarding disabled youth.)
 - Cash Public Assistance (TANF, SSI, etc.) in the Family Unit
 - Food Stamps in the Family Unit
 - Be a Foster Childand....
- Be a U.S. Citizen or have a legal Right-to-Work designation in the U.S. and...
- For Males, Comply with Selective Service Registration requirements

In addition to meeting the requirements above, you must have **ONE** of the following barriers to employment:

- Behind in School Credits for Age/Grade
- Behind Grade Level
- IEP Student or
- Deficient in basic literacy skills
- Juvenile offender
- Pregnant or parenting
- School dropout
- Homeless, runaway or foster child

*****Family Income Example**

We use a combination of family size (immediate family members only) and family income to determine if an individual meets the eligibility for income. The current Family Income Annual guidelines are:

Family of 1--\$10,400 Family of 4--\$22,523

Family of 2--\$14,000 Family of 5--\$26,583

Family of 3--\$18,243 Family of 6--\$31,089

(For family sizes larger than 6, add \$4,506 for each additional person in the family).

If a youth has a disability, Family Income calculations are computed differently.

If you believe you meet the **Eligibility Criteria** described above and want to apply for a Summer Employment Work Experience opportunity in the Public Schools, please contact your Summer Program representative listed below. They will be able to assist you in obtaining and submitting an Application.

Your School Representative is:
