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Summer Jobs for St. Louis Youth

The key to the future of St. Louis lies within our city's ability to develop an educated workforce. This summer, I encourage young adults 14-24 years old to take advantage of the Missouri Summer Jobs Program and gain the valuable experience that prepares them for the future.

The Missouri Summer Jobs Program gives young adults who meet specific qualifications the opportunity to earn money while working with some of the finest employers in St. Louis. By developing skills and showing work initiative, those who utilize this program will gain on-the-job training that will benefit their career and eventually the entire city, because a vibrant workforce makes our city more attractive to businesses.

There are several specific income eligibility requirements, and a full description as well as an application can be found at summerjobs.mo.gov. Once your application is processed by the state, they will send your application to the St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment (SLATE), who will then set up interviews, if applicable. **It is important to note that filling out an application does not guarantee job placement, and that the SLATE office cannot accept applications.**

Last year, more than 7,000 Missouri youth – including many from St. Louis – gained the knowledge and the skills that this program provides. If you know a Missouri student who meets the income requirements and who could use career experience, be sure to tell them to fill out an application. You could help them take that first step into a bright future.

And, if you're an employer who would like to participate in the program, it could benefit your business to visit the summerjobs.mo.gov website as well. Once again this year, the state of Missouri will pay the youths' wages and workers' compensation. Plus, the state still provide personal assistance from more than 320 professional career counselors and business liaisons from 14 local Workforce Investment Boards.

If you have any questions regarding the Missouri Summer Jobs Program, please visit the website, call (800) 592-6020, or e-mail: SummerJobs@ded.mo.gov.

The program ends September 30, so don't delay!

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