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SARATOGA COUNTY ANNOUNCES SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

SARATOGA COUNTY – Saratoga County Department of Employment and Training today announced applications are being accepted for its Summer Youth Employment Program.

The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) is a grant funded, income-based work experience program for youth ages 14 to 20. Youth must apply for the program annually.

The program provides summer work experience and training to qualified youth to help them develop skills they need to succeed in the workforce. Youth enrolled in the program will earn \$15 per hour and may work up to 30 hours per week.

Those interested must submit a pre-application to the Saratoga County Department of Employment and Training to be considered for enrollment in the program. The application is available at www.SaratogaCountyNY.gov. Pre-applications received by April 15, 2022 are given priority. The summer job program begins June 24, 2022.

Saratoga County youth enrolled in the program are placed at non-profit, business or government worksites throughout the county, providing them with a supervised work experience during the summer months. The Saratoga County Department of Employment and Training also provides program participants with employment counseling and educational materials to assist them with present and future employment.

The work experiences in Saratoga County include but are not limited to: cleaning positions at schools and public buildings, Counselors in Training at summer camps, library pages, museum docents, building and grounds maintenance and laborers.

Jenniffer McCloskey, Director of the Saratoga County Department of Employment and Training said, “Our Summer Youth Employment Program provides many young people with their very first work experience and for others it serves as additional experience to assist them on their future career path. We encourage youth across Saratoga County to apply for this valuable work experience.”

The grant program is administered by the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance and implemented by the Saratoga County Department of Employment & Training. The grant funds provided are used to pay the wages of youth participants and enable employment counselors to assist the youth with education/training support and employment related services.

For more information about the Summer Youth Employment Program, please contact Katherine Raymond, Youth Employment Counselor at 518-941-4614.

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