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2022 SUMMER JOBS APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR YOUTH & EMPLOYERS

Applications are now available for youth and employers to participate this summer with STL Youth Jobs, a youth employment organization that offers paid jobs to young people ages 16-24, and paid career exploration to ages 14-15. Each participant receives upfront job readiness and financial empowerment trainings, a Job Coach for mentorship, a youth-friendly bank account, and a paid work-based experience. Youth can check their eligibility and apply online between now and May 30.

Businesses can also apply to have the opportunity to meet their summer staffing needs while training, mentoring and developing the future workforce. Businesses interested in providing work experiences can sign-up to fund and/or provide jobs here. This summer, STL Youth Jobs is seeking work opportunities for about 550 young people.

Since 2013, STL Youth Jobs has provided paid work experiences to over 5,000 youth. STL Youth Jobs has built an employer network of over 250 employer partners since 2013 that includes 16 different industries representing small and large business in both the public and private sectors. The organization capitalizes on the expertise of existing community-based assets to deliver the STL Youth Jobs service model. Current program providers include MERS Missouri Goodwill Industries, Educational Data Systems, Inc., the St. Louis Internship Program and Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis. This coordinated system creates a centralized point of entry for all youth and businesses to participate.

"It is more critical now than ever to increase access to high-quality, supportive summer jobs for our young people," said Hillary Frey, Executive Director of STL Youth Jobs. "Our goal is to make it as easy as possible for youth to gain workplace skills and for businesses to be connected to job-ready talent. By supporting STL Youth Jobs, you are making an investment in what will be a transformational future workforce and stronger and safer communities."

Youth application: stlyouthjobs.org/apply Employer application: stlyouthjobs.org/hire

ABOUT STL YOUTH JOBS

STL Youth Jobs envisions a city where our youth have the opportunity they need to succeed, and our businesses have the workforce they need to compete. We bridge the divide between our region's youth and the growing skills gap in our workforce. This is accomplished by training St. Louis youth, ages 14-24, to be ready for the jobs of tomorrow through career exploration, financial literacy and job readiness trainings, paid employment experience and continuing career support. STL Youth Jobs is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. It costs \$2,800 to fund one summer job, including their wages, job training, financial literacy education, and job coaching. Learn more at stlyouthjobs.org.

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