



City of Wilmington Youth Career Development

Wilmington Mayor Mike Purzycki and Parks and Recreation Director Ian R. Smith today announced the opening of the registration period for the 2022 Youth Career Development (YCD) Program summer session which begins June 20.

New and returning applicants can register now at www.wilmingtonyouthjobs.com. **The deadline to apply is Friday, April 1, 2022.**

The City will again employ hundreds of youths this summer in numerous professions and internships within City government as well as in the business and community sectors. Mayor Purzycki said the Youth Career Development Program is intended to help younger City residents develop valuable work skills and prepare them for a successful career and future.

"I encourage our young people to apply today for a summer job or internship, which will aid them in developing a solid foundation for continued personal and professional growth," said Mayor Purzycki. "We want to help our young people succeed by becoming more responsible in a work-like setting and exploring their own skills and talents."

Those interested in summer employment must apply online or by using their smartphone. Once an account is created and the registration is received by YCD staff, the applicant will be scheduled for an intake appointment to review the application and required documents. To be eligible for the 2022 Youth Career Development Program, applicants must:

- be between the ages of 14 and 20
- complete the online/mobile phone registration
- meet residency and job-eligibility requirements, which can also be found online
- pass all background checks and drug screenings
- arrange for direct deposit of their paychecks

Internships

2022 *Youth* Career Development participants can apply for one of at least 100 internship positions with entities that include United Way, Freedom School, University of Delaware-Green Jobs, as well as the City of Wilmington Arts Work, Rodney Street Tennis Association, and West Center City Futures. Interns will be selected through an open and competitive interview process. **The application deadline is Friday, April 1**, and internship participants will be notified via email and online. Youth workers will be assigned a career mentor during the six-week program, and after successful completion will receive a letter of recommendation from their employer.

Workforce Track

The workforce track will consist of approximately 350 entry-level jobs that are available in diverse businesses and agencies throughout the community. Partner worksites include the City of Wilmington, William Hicks Anderson Community Center, Catering Connections, Babe Styling Salon, Christiana Cultural Arts Center, the DuPont Environmental Education Center, Southbridge Neighborhood House, Girls Inc., the Walnut YMCA, Shop Rite, Teen Warehouse, the Riverfront Development Corporation, R.E. Williams Tax Accountants, Inc., childcare centers, and other area employers. **The deadline for applications is Friday, April 1.**

The Parks and Recreation Department will hold intake sessions **by appointment only** after the online application has been successfully submitted. YCD 2022 is conducted in partnership with the Delaware Department of Labor.