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**2021 SUMMER JOBS APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR YOUTH & EMPLOYERS**

Applications are now available for youth and employers to participate this summer with STL Youth Jobs, a summer youth employment organization that offers paid summer jobs and workforce experiences to young people ages 15-24. 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 summer work experiences can sign-up to fund and/or provide jobs [here](#). It costs \$2,600 to fund one summer job, including their salary, job training, financial literacy education, and job coaching. This summer, STL Youth Jobs is seeking in-person and virtual opportunities for about 500 young people as the organization remains responsive to CDC guidelines and local public health restrictions related to COVID-19.

Since 2013, STL Youth Jobs has provided paid work experience, job readiness training, financial literacy education, and career and mentoring services to over 4,500 youth. STL Youth Jobs has built an employer network of over 200 employer partners since 2013 that includes 14 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 partners include MERS Missouri Goodwill Industries, St. Louis Internship Program (SLIP), St. Louis Agency on Training & Employment (SLATE), Mission: St. Louis, and Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis. This coordinated system creates a centralized point of entry for all youth and businesses to participate.

“Our community’s young people are the catalyst that is needed to increase the quality and inclusivity of the St. Louis workplace,” says Hillary Frey, Executive Director of STL Youth Jobs. “The solution to creating inclusive economic growth is through the creation of access, opportunity and experience. By increasing local investment, partnerships and opportunities, we strive to create a network of stakeholders who are collectively focused on the future of St. Louis. By supporting STL Youth Jobs, you are making an investment in ensuring our young people succeed and our community thrives.”

**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 to be ready for the jobs of tomorrow through an individualized career assessment, financial literacy and job readiness trainings, employment experience and continuing career support. STL Youth Jobs is an tax-exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Learn more at [stlyouthjobs.org](#).

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