



## **Mayor's Youth Employment Program (MYEP) Parent Facts and Questions (FAQ's)**

### **Question: What is the Mayor's Youth Employment Program MYEP)?**

- Answer: The Mayor's Youth Employment Program (MYEP), is this regions oldest and largest youth employment program. It connects Charlotte's youth between the ages of **16** and **18** with career exploration opportunities and paid work experience for five weeks during July and August

### **Question: How are students eligible?**

- Answer: Youth interested in the MYEP must be 16 on or before April 15 of the participating year; Be enrolled as a current student in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools or reside in the City of Charlotte; attend a Job & Career Readiness Training; Have a current photo ID and social security number; Complete an online application and interview; Follow instructions to successfully pass a drug and background screening

### **Question: How do youth apply?**

- Answer: Youth interested in the MYEP may speak with a Career Development Coordinator (CDC) at their school regarding participating. Non-CMS youth may contact 704-336-5577 for information

### **Question: Does my application guarantee acceptance?**

- Answer: No. MYEP applicants are not guaranteed an internship. Applicants who are not accepted have access to a MYEP Career/Job Fair and career or work-readiness resources

### **Question: How does the MYEP benefit my student?**

- Answer: The MYEP experience allows interns to explore their interests and career options; develop workplace, social and leadership skills; and build their résumé—all while getting paid

**Question: What will my student learn during the internship?**

- Answer: Based upon availability, MYEP interns are engaged with local Host Employers in 21-century industries that help to provide economic opportunities throughout the Charlotte community. Interns learn time management and social networking skills; interns develop career goals and connect to the world of work

**Question: Will the youth be paid for the internship?**

- Answer: Yes, all MYEP interns are provided a stipend for participating in the program. All stipends dispersed at the Host Employers discretion, though the rate of pay is at least \$9/hour

**Question: When does my youth start their summer Internship?**

- Answer: July 6-August 7<sup>th</sup> unless otherwise specified by the students Host Employer

**Question: Is transportation assistance offered for program youth?**

- Answer: Yes. The City offers two weeks of transit passes for youth to use to access transportation to and from their internship

**Question: Where can I get more information on MYEP?**

- Answer: Visit the MYEP website at [www.charlottenc.gov/youth](http://www.charlottenc.gov/youth) or contact the MYEP team at [myep@charlottenc.gov](mailto:myep@charlottenc.gov) or at 704-336-5577