



Skamania County Forest Youth Success

-Youth Application-

Note: We are currently planning for a 2022 season! Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we cannot guarantee employment and the decision to adjust the program or cancel could be made at any time.

The Forest Success Program is a learning and job opportunity for teens residing in Skamania County!

Criteria for Mentors:

- Successful academic performance
- Good behavior & attendance record
- Leadership skills
- Current 10th or 11th Graders

Mentor- Job details

- o Begin June 29th (~7 weeks of work)
- o Approximately 32 paid hrs/wk
- o Starting wage is \$14.49/hr

Criteria for Crew Members:

- Desire to develop work and life skills
- Desire to earn your pay
- Current 8th and 9th Graders, must be 14 years old by June 1, 2022

Crew- Job details

- o Begin July 5th (~6 weeks of work)
- o Approximately 30 paid hrs/wk
- o Starting wage is \$12.32/hr

Important Information:

- Applications are due Friday, May 6th by the end of the day. Interviews will take place May 19th-May 25th
- An orientation will be held for hired students and their parents on Sunday, June 5th at 4:00pm
- All paperwork must be turned in no later than Monday, June 13th, to include a copy of your social security card and birth certificate.
- FYS crews are hired as employees of the school district. As such, they are required to be vaccinated against COVID-19 per Washington State Governor Jay Inslee's Proclamation 21-14.2 (All employees of Washington public school districts to be fully vaccinated against

COVID-19 as a condition of employment unless a documented medical or religious exemption is approved.) Being fully vaccinated means that an individual is at least two weeks past their final dose of an authorized COVID-19 vaccine regimen.

- Students report for work at a Stevenson Carson School District Site (to be determined) Monday-Friday from approximately 8:15am-3:45pm. Exact schedule to be provided at orientation.
- Learning opportunities will be provided on Fridays
- Participants cannot plan to miss more than 3 days of work (for camps, family vacations, etc.)
- COVID-19 precautions as required by the state and school district will be strictly adhered to at all times

Learn More: email FYS@scsd303.org or somer.meade@wsu.edu

How to Apply

You can complete a hard copy of the application and return it to the FYS Technical Advisor by the deadline via email OR drop off to your school front office. .

You can complete our digital application, which includes the essay portion by the deadline: <https://forms.gle/nwZbGVJAZ9dY4zjF9>

Required Application Materials:

- Application
- Essay

To Submit Your Application, You Can:

- ★ Drop off to the front office at your school
- ★ Complete the digital application referenced above
- ★ Send it in the mail
- ★ Type directly into the document and email it
- ★ Print it out, fill it out, scan it and email it
- ★ Fax it in
- ★ If none of the above options will work, contact the FYS Technical Advisor to make alternate arrangements

Program Contact Information

Email Address: FYS@scsd303.org or meades@scsd303.org

Mailing Address: Forest Youth Success, Attn: Somer Meade, PO Box 850, Stevenson, WA 98648

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Applications are due
Friday, May 6th, 2022

About Forest Youth Success (FYS)

Students who are selected as mentors will start the program on Wednesday, June 29th, with two days of leadership training. The full program will start on Tuesday, July 5th, with all crew members and mentors reporting to home base for training. This training will include interactive activities which help build workers into a team, teach creativity, and develop problem solving skills. These initiatives are used throughout the employment period, and all participants in FYS are expected to participate fully in these activities. Technical training in the proper and safe use of tools will also be provided.

All participants report for work Monday - Thursday at our designated Stevenson-Carson School District Site at 8:15am for mentors and 8:30am for crew. They will work four (4) days a week in small work crews with an adult supervisor in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and other locations around the county. Projects may include trail and campground maintenance and reconstruction, debris clearing, invasive plant removal, stream or habitat rehabilitation, and other forest-related projects. The work requires physical exertion in the field including lifting, carrying heavy objects, using hand tools, pushing wheelbarrows, and hiking distances on steep, rocky terrain through brush, as well as on trails.

Friday of each week is a learning day. The groups may go on field trips, have guest speakers, or complete a variety of activities from home base. Topics will include forest ecology, workplace issues, life-skills development, and other pertinent trainings. Students may be eligible to earn high school credit for the educational components of the program.

You can expect some continued adjustments to the program this year due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. While many of those details will be determined close to the start of the season based on the prevalence of COVID-19 in our community at that time, we are required to follow all state and local guidelines for school districts, to include vaccine mandates for public school employees. The health and safety of our crews and our community are our number one priority!

Participant Expectations

Participants must be able to write and follow directions either independently or with assistance. Workers are expected to be safe, respectful, and tolerant of individual differences. All workers are expected to work to the best of their ability. They will be trained in proper tool use, and expected to follow safety guidelines regarding the tools. Workers must conform to the dress code and be prepared to work at the start of each day – this means bringing lunch, water and any necessary personal items each day.

All participants will need work attire like thick pants/jeans and work boots appropriate for trail work (sturdy leather boots that cover the ankle). Students selected for employment are responsible for their own transportation to and from the work report site in Stevenson or Carson.



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Application for Summer Employment: Forest Youth Success Program
An Equal Opportunity Employer

No specific experience is required for a position with Forest Youth Success. Your application is the first, and often the only opportunity for you to say, "I can do this work; I really want this position." It's always a good idea to make a rough draft first, then proof read it for spelling and grammar. Or, ask a friend, parent, or teacher to proofread it for you. Remember, when writing the final copy do not fill out the application in pencil; always type or fill out an application like this in blue or black pen. Employers, like FYS, are looking for people who follow instructions, complete their own application neatly, and put some real effort into the task by answering every question using complete sentences.

Full Name _____ Social Security Number (last 4 digits) XXX-XX-_____

Mailing Address: _____
Street/PO Box No. *City*

State *Zip*

Physical Address if different from mailing address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Email Address: _____

Your Phone Number: () _____ - _____ Emergency Contact Phone: () _____ - _____

School _____ Current Grade _____

T-Shirt Size (Circle): Small Medium Large XLarge XXLLarge

Work Experience

Work may include baby-sitting, yard work, shoveling snow, etc.

From:	To:	Company/Employer	Phone Number:

References

Give three references including supervisors, employers, adult friends who have first hand knowledge of your character, personality, and work skills. **Do not use your parents.**

Name	Relationship to Applicant	Phone Number

Additional Information

1) You will be doing hiking/manual labor in the forest or at various parks or hatcheries. Do you have any health conditions that may affect your performance in the position for which you are applying? If “yes” please describe.

2) Do you have other responsibilities in July & August, which would require time away from work? (Camps, family vacations, sports practices or events, County Fair commitments, etc.). If “yes” give details & dates.

3) Do you have experience with grounds care hand tools (shovel, rake, hoe, loppers, ax, or hatchet, etc.)? Experience is not required but if “yes” please describe.

4) Use a separate sheet of paper. In essay form, please state why you want a summer job with Forest Youth Success and describe what skills, interests, and experience you have to offer the position. If you are currently a sophomore or junior you are eligible to work as a mentor. If you are interested in working as a mentor, please include in your essay what leadership experience you have and / or why you think you would be a good mentor.

APPLICATION CERTIFICATION

Please read and sign the following:

I hereby certify that the information contained in this Application for Summer Employment is a true and complete statement of my personal record to date. I guarantee the correctness of all statements and information and realize that the making of any false statement or giving of any false information herein will be sufficient cause for my dismissal. I also verify that I understand that if hired as an employee of the school district, the Governor's Proclamation 21-14.2 that all school district employees are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 will apply to me. I understand that COVID-19 precautions must be followed and that I will need to show proof of my vaccination status before I can begin my employment.

Signature: _____

Date: _____