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Registration for Youth to Apply for CSTB's Summer Job Connection Closes on March 12, 2021

~More than 1200 youth applied to be part of the program~

TAMPA, FL – This is the last week for Hillsborough County youth, 16 to 24 years old, to apply for the CareerSource Tampa Bay's (CSTB) Summer Job Connection 2021 Program. Applications for youth will close on Friday, March 12, 2021. There have been more than 1,200 youth applications to the program since the program opened on January 4, 2021.

SJC is now expanding its opportunities to 1,000 youth through an 8-week part-time paid work-experience, virtual career exploration, and our new youth leadership academy for youth that meet eligibility requirements. The program will run from June 14, 2021, to August 6, 2021.

Youth applicants are required to complete a Summer Job Connection 2021 online application at www.CareerSourceTB.com/summer-job-connection or www.TampaSummerJobs.com.

The SJC 2021 program will include an updated:

- Eight-week **Paid Internship** earning \$12.00 per hour for 30 hours per week
- Four-week **Online Career Exploration**- \$200 weekly Incentive
- Six-week **Youth Leadership Academy** called "Young Leaders of Tomorrow"- \$200 weekly Incentive

"We have modified our Summer Job Connection program paid-work-experience program to now include eight-weeks, increased the rate of pay to \$12.00 per hour, and increased hours per week to 30," said Jennifer Wilson, CSTB's Youth Director. "These changes will provide an enriched experience for our young adults during their summer internship while making an impact at the businesses they are working at this summer!"

Youth will also be expected to attend a mandatory in-person, Youth Summit in June 2021.

Since launching in 2019, the SJC program has provided more than 1,000 low-income and disadvantaged youth with summer work experience and access to career exploration activities, work readiness skills, and financial literacy training.

The SJC program is still accepting applications from Businesses in Hillsborough County that would like to mentor youth and participate in the program this summer. Employers in the program are encouraged to apply now but can apply after the youth application deadline of March 12, 2022, but please don't wait as slots are filling up fast! To learn more about the program, go to the program website at www.TampaSummerJobs.com or <https://www.careersourcetampabay.com/summer-job-connection>.

About CareerSource Tampa Bay

CareerSource Tampa Bay programs and initiatives are fully supported by the U.S. Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Agriculture as part of awards totaling \$23,321,277.

CareerSource Tampa Bay works with businesses and candidates to leverage their training, retraining, and competitive opportunities in the workforce. CareerSource Tampa Bay provided 173,319 services to 37,054 active Wagner-Peyser individuals during the program year 2019-2020. CareerSource Tampa Bay, with our five career centers, is the single largest source of job candidates in the region, from entry-level to executive-level candidates.

Businesses can access CareerSource's wide range of services, including recruiting, training for new and existing employees, targeted hiring events, and retention support strategies. All resources and services are provided at no cost to both businesses and job candidates. Programs funded through CareerSource Tampa Bay are equal opportunity programs with auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Persons using TTY/TTD equipment use Florida Relay Service 711. A proud partner of the American Job Center network to learn more, visit www.careersourcetampabay.com.

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