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Summer Youth Work Program application (deadline is Friday, June 3, 2011):

<http://www.charlestoncounty.org/pdfs/summerworkprogram2011.pdf>

See photo of previous summer work program: <http://www.charlestoncounty.org/newsimages/calhak.htm>

County to Employ up to 75 Students for Summer Work

Applications accepted June 1-3 for new Summer Youth Work Program

During a special council meeting on Thursday, May 26, [Charleston County Council](#) unanimously approved authorizing staff to implement a Summer Youth Work Program beginning in June. County Council appropriated \$100,000 from its Fiscal Year 2011 Council Contingency fund for the 2011 Summer Youth Work Program.

From June 1-3, [Charleston County Government](#) will accept applications from students who want to get real work experience this summer. The goal is for students to obtain summer employment and explore the various career opportunities that exist within County departments, while gaining critical workforce skills.

"The purpose of the program is to ensure that youth are gainfully employed, learning a job, and contributing to our community," said Sonnie Robinson, who is coordinating the program for the County. "The program will provide our youth with a positive work experience today and help to build our economy for tomorrow."

To obtain an application or for more information (applications will be accepted from Wednesday, June 1, until 5 p.m. on Friday, June 3):

- **By phone or email:** Contact Sonnie Robinson in the Charleston County Assistant Administrator for Finance Department by phone at (843) 958-4062 or by email at srobinson@charlestoncounty.org; or
- **Online:** Visit www.charlestoncounty.org and click on the banner (the direct link to the application is: <http://www.charlestoncounty.org/pdfs/summerworkprogram2011.pdf>); or
- **In person:** Visit the Charleston County Human Resources Department at the Lonnie Hamilton, III Public Services Building located at 4045 Bridge View Drive, North Charleston, SC 29405 (off Leeds Ave. in N. Charleston, Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.)

Student eligibility requirements for the Summer Youth Work Program are:

- Ages 16-21
- Availability to work 20 hours per week
- Residents of Charleston County

County staff will screen all students in advance, providing them with interview training skills, professional behavior training, and an orientation prior to beginning work.

Charleston County has had summer work programs in the past but until now, 2007 was the last time one was implemented due to budget cuts.

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