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Mayor Fulop Announces Online Application Process Now Open for Jersey City SummerWorks Initiative for Summer Youth Employment ***More than 3,000 young people have participated in the Jersey City SummerWorks Initiative, Which includes Placement in City Jobs, Local Internships and Enrichment Courses***

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Steven M. Fulop announced today the opening of the online application process for summer youth employment opportunities within city departments and agencies, under the ***Jersey City Summer Works program***, a multi-program initiative, which has provided more than 3,000 youth with meaningful summer employment and enrichment opportunities since its inception in 2014.

Residents can submit applications for City Youth Jobs through the Jersey City Youth Works website at www.jerseycityyouthworks.org.

“Summer jobs are essential learning tools for our youth and provide a positive activity for the summer months, which is why we have made this program such a focus,” said **Mayor Fulop**. “By teaching young people professional development through real-world experiences, we are providing them with more than a job – we are empowering our young adults with lifetime skills and strengthening our community as a whole.”

The Jersey City Summer Works initiative includes: ***City Youth Jobs***, which offers a wide range of summer positions for youth, ages 15-24 within the Recreation Department, the Department of Public Works, the Jersey City Public Library system, the Police and Fire Departments and other city offices; the ***Jersey City Summer Arts Program***, which offers students an outlet to express their artistic creativity through various educational and enrichment opportunities; and the previously announced, Jersey City Summer Internship program, which places eligible public school students who are currently juniors in paid summer internships at leading companies and nonprofit institutions that earn them academic credit.

The City Youth Jobs Initiative is JC Summer Works’ largest jobs program and was started by Mayor Fulop. Under the ***Department of Recreation***, positions are available for residents in areas such as camp counselors, recreation aides, lifeguards, locker room attendants, and Stop-the-Drop team members.

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“This opportunity gave me first-hand experience at a real job. I had the chance to work at Cultural Affairs for six weeks, and soon after, they made me an offer to stay on the team,” said **Dominique Pollard, 18, a 2016 Jersey City Summer Works participant**. “Summer Works taught me how to network with professionals and enhance my resume. This job gave me confidence to pursue my future career because it helped refine my professional, networking, and interpersonal skills.”

The application process to City Youth Jobs begins with the online application; open now through April 23rd, however, applicants for Recreation and the Department of Public Works positions should submit their online applications prior to *April 2nd*. Individuals who are selected for interviews will then be interviewed by representatives of participating departments and organizations.

Applications for the Jersey City Summer Internship program are due March 6 as previously announced.

For more information, please visit www.jerseycityyouthworks.org.

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