

# Skamania County Forest Youth Success Youth Application

## Applications Due Friday, April 22nd

### Mentors:

#### Employment Criteria

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

#### Job details

June 29th - Aug. TBD (no later than Aug. 17th)  
31 paid hrs/wk: 7.5 hrs M-Th  
4 classroom hours / 1 hour paid on Friday  
Mandatory camping trip(s) (see below)  
\$9.47/hr

### Workers:

#### Employment Criteria

Desire to develop work and life skills  
Desire to earn your pay  
Current 8th or 9th Graders

#### Job details

July 5th - Aug. TBD (no later than Aug. 17th)  
29 paid hrs/wk: 7-7.5 hrs M-Th  
4 classroom hours on Friday  
Mandatory camping trip(s) (see below)  
\$8.05/hr

**Mandatory** overnight camping trip  
3 - 4 nights at project site (Dates TBD)

Participants cannot plan to miss more than

**3** days of work.

(for camps, family vacations, etc.)



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## How to Apply:

### Required Application Materials

- Application
- Essay
- Resume (optional)

### Return Applications to:

#### In person:

School Offices that serve Skamania County  
Mill - A School  
Stevenson High School / Wind River Middle School  
Skamania School  
Washougal High School  
Canyon Creek Middle School  
Henkle Middle School  
Columbia High School

#### Mail:

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**The Forest Youth Success Program is a learning  
and job opportunity for high school students  
residing in Skamania County.**

**The Program**

Students who are selected as mentors will start the program on July 1st, with several days of leadership trainings in Stevenson, WA. The full program will start on July 6th, with all workers and mentors reporting to Wind River Education Center in Carson, WA (subject to change) for a training day. This training day will include ropes initiatives 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 use of tools will also be provided.

Participants report for work Monday - Friday at the WREC building (subject to change) at 8:30am. They will work four (4) days a week in small work crews with an adult supervisor on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and other locations. 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 devoted to forest ecology, workplace issues, life skills development, and other pertinent trainings in the classroom or on field trips. Fridays are short days.

This employment opportunity also includes mandatory overnight camping on a project site. More details will be made available when employment is offered.

The season's final event will be a luncheon and slide show with project sponsors, to celebrate the season's accomplishments. Luncheon date is to be determined.

**The Participants**

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 guidelines regarding the tools. Workers must conform to the dress code, and will be prepared – this means bringing lunch, water and any necessary personal items to each day at work.



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## **The Participants (Continued)**

All participants will need work attire and 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, which will be Wind River Education Center in Carson, WA (subject to change).

Students must be willing to commit to the entire employment period, including any campouts. Because of the short duration of the program, and the importance of completing work projects and crew development we ask that participants do not plan on missing more than three (3) days of the program.



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**For more information about the  
program visit:  
[www.forestyouthsuccess.org](http://www.forestyouthsuccess.org)**

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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.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Last                      First                      M.I.

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/PO Box No.                      City                      State                      Zip

Physical Address if different from mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_    Emergency Contact Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_                      Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**General Information**

- 1. Completed application can be turned into your school office by April 22nd. Late applications will not be accepted.**
2. This Application for Summer Employment serves as the initial screening document therefore items should be completed to the best of your ability. Applicants can include a resume if they so desire.
3. The selected students will be notified by May 20th. Additional information about campouts will be provided at this time.
4. Salary and schedule of summer employees are determined by position (Mentor or Worker).

**Work Experience**

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

Dates		Company / Employer	Phone Number
From	To		
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

## **References**

Give three or more 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

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## **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.**

**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.

**Signature**

**Date**

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