**Supporting Youth Education and Employment**

**Work Experience Scholarship Stipends**



***You can receive a $300.00 scholarship stipend for your participation in a work experience related to an in-demand occupation.***

* **Purpose:** provide scholarship stipends to students that are participating in a co-op work experience with local business or industry.
* **Ten** scholarship stipends to be awarded.
* **Eligible recipients:** high school students in grades 11-12
* **Requirements:** must be enrolled in a formal program and involved in some type of work experience (work site or hands-on work experience community project).
* **Deadline for entries:** ongoing until funds are depleted, one stipend per student
* **How to Enter:** Students must complete a one-two page essay that contains the following information:
1. Describe the work experience?
2. Why you chose this field of study/occupation?
3. What do you hope to gain from participating in a work experience?
4. How do you plan on using the skills and experience you obtained?
5. How will the stipend help you?
6. Do you plan on enrolling in a post-secondary education program or moving directly to employment?
7. Are you planning on obtaining employment in our local area and why?
* **Submit essays** with documentation from the school districts noting the program of study, job site, co-op timeframes, your contact information and the school representative’s contact information.
* **Selection Process:** qualified entries will be reviewed and selected by a judging panel made up of the JARI staff involved in the project.
* **Awards Announcement**: the recipients will be announced quarterly, and stipends will be paid directly to the students upon documentation from the school district and the participating company.

Submit essay and school documents to:

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