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## **New summer employment program now taking applications**

A new summer employment program is now taking applications from Athens County residents between the ages of 14-24 who meet certain income guidelines.

The Subsidized Summer Employment Program For Youth is funded through the U.S. government's stimulus package and will provide job opportunities and learning programs for the participants.

In order to be eligible for the program, participants must be Athens County residents between the ages of 14-24 and live in families who have an income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. In addition, the participants must live in families who have children in the household who are under the age of 18 (or 19 if the child is still in high school), be a non-custodial parent who is cooperating with the child support enforcement agency, or be pregnant.

All jobs are anticipated to begin in mid-June and be finished by the end of August. All positions pay \$8 per hour, and there may be special educational programming for the participants. The participants will work up to 40 hours per week at locations all across Athens County.

The program is being run by the Hocking-Athens-Perry Community Action Program with support from Athens County Job and Family Services.

Applications are available at all Athens County Job and Family Services offices, located at 184 N. Lancaster St. in Athens, 99 Connett Road in The Plains, The Athens County Home building on Ohio Rt. 13 between Athens and Chauncey, and The Work Station at 70 N. Plains Road in The Plains. Applications can also be found on the Athens County Job and Family Services web site, <http://jfs.athenscountygovernment.com>

Completed applications should be turned in at any of the four Athens County Job and Family Services offices. Applications will be processed on a first come, first serve basis. For more information on this program or on other summer youth employment programs in Athens County, or for assistance finding a summer job or permanent employment, call 797-2523 or stop in at The Work Station at 70 N. Plains Road in The Plains.