



2026 Summer Youth Employment Program June 29th through August 28th

The Erie County Department of Social Services, in collaboration with Buffalo Urban League is pleased to announce the 2026 Erie County Summer Youth Employment Program. Applicants must be Erie County residents between the ages of 14 and 20 years old.

Household income must be less than 200% of the federal poverty level:

| Family Size | Monthly Income | Annual Income |
|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1 | \$2,660 | \$31,920 |
| 2 | \$3,607 | \$43,280 |
| 3 | \$4,553 | \$54,640 |
| 4 | \$5,500 | \$66,000 |
| 5 | \$6,447 | \$77,360 |
| 6 | \$7,393 | \$88,720 |
| 7 | \$8,340 | \$100,080 |
| 8 | \$9,287 | \$111,440 |

Youth applicants that receive Temporary Assistance, Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) benefits or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) meet income guidelines for the program.

The following documents are required to determine program eligibility:

- Completed TANF Youth Services Application
- Completed Pre-Employment Interest Questionnaire
- Completed and Signed Consent for Release of Information Form

Youth between the ages of 14 and 17 will need to bring their original Working Papers to the interview.

Please complete all of the required forms and submit the entire packet in person or mail to:

Erie County Department of Social Services
Comprehensive Employment Division
290 Main Street 8th Floor, Buffalo NY 14202

If you have any questions or need assistance in completing the forms, please call (716) 858-1006.

Program slots are limited.

Placement will be based on youth circumstances and household income.

The deadline for applying is Friday, June 5th 2026.

If accepted into the program, you will be contacted by the program operator to complete the application process, program assignments and worksite placement.

Youth accepted into the program will be compensated \$16.50/hour.

Please be advised this program is contingent upon availability of New York State funds appropriated for the Summer Youth Employment Program.

