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## Hunterdon – Somerset Workforce Development Board Has Summer Internships Available

The Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board (GRWDB) is launching the 2021 summer employment and internship program for youth in Hunterdon and Somerset counties. Hunterdon County Commissioner Zachary T. Rich has announced.

As the county's liaison for the GRWDB, Commissioner Rich said, "This program will provide paid internships for youth and assist with finding candidates to permanently fill those positions. On the heels of the difficulty facing businesses and jobseekers in 2020, this program is a welcome resource to aid citizens and youth during this recovery period from the pandemic."

The program will run from June 7 to October 31 for youth ages 16 – 24, whether in or out of school, with a requirement of 25 work hours, per week. Twenty-one hours will be working for the employer and the remaining four hours will be used for readiness training and coursework from the SkillUp Greater Raritan online learning portal, to better prepare interns for their future long-term career.

"Again, these are paid internships, rated at \$12 per hour, including during the four hours of weekly training, which means that each participant has the potential to earn \$2,400. Up to 50 youth from the two counties will be placed with businesses for these internships and training opportunities.

I want to recognize the partnership between our counties through the Workforce Development Board, which benefits the young people of our communities. Being able to give the next generation a chance to work and train is beneficial for the community, and the economy, overall.

I encourage all interested Hunterdon County youth to apply before the May 5 deadline," Commissioner Rich concluded.

Information for the internship program is on Hunterdon County's Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board webpage, <https://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/WorkforceDevelopment.html>.

The employer Request for Applications (RFAs) for the program, which includes the internship job description form, can be found on Somerset County's Purchasing Division website, at <https://www.co.somerset.nj.us/Home/ShowDocument?id=41091>.

To obtain an internship application, visit the home page [www.thegrwdb.org](http://www.thegrwdb.org). The deadline to return the application is **May 5**.