Durham Public Schools

Scholars-At-Work Program

Session One: March 6 – 9, 2018*

The Scholars-At-Work Program is a four-day workplace immersion experience for DPS students in grades 10-12. Students will spend part of Spring Break within a Triangle-area company. Host sites vary each year, but past sites have included:

GSK (GlaxoSmithKline)—a pharmaceutical company that develops medicines to cure or provide relief from pain and disease

Environmental Protection Agency—a federal agency that protects human health and the environment

Triangle Ecycling—a small business that refurbishes computers and other electronics

If selected, you will be matched with a company and have the opportunity to meet and “shadow” employees in various departments, do hands-on tasks that expose you to the type of work carried out there, and learn about the company’s exciting initiatives. Lunch and transportation from a DPS site to the worksite (and back) will be provided.

Why participate?

Through this program, you will gain valuable professional skills and work experience which you can add to your professional resume. Upon graduation from high school, you will be much more likely to get hired for jobs if you have impressive work experience on your resume. You’ll also gain exposure to the exciting world of work, and learn more about potential career paths for your future. Participants who successfully complete the program will receive a $100 stipend.

Important dates:

By December 15—Complete the attached application and turn it in to your school’s Career Development Coordinator.

By January 19—You will be informed if you’ve been selected for the program.

By January 26—Once selected, you must submit a $25 registration fee to secure your placement and to help pay for lunch and transportation. More information will be provided via email on how to submit payment.

For more information:

- CMA contact: Evelyn DeLoatch, evelyn.deloatch@dpsnc.net, (919) 560-2001
- New Tech contact: Rontika Redden, rontika.redden@dpsnc.net, (919) 560-9183
- Middle College contact: Ondrea Austin, ondrea.austin@dpsnc.net, (919) 560-3858

*Only students enrolled at City of Medicine Academy, New Tech High School, and Middle College may participate in Session One due to their Spring Break schedule. Students enrolled at other high schools may visit www.dpsnc.net/cte/scholarsatwork for Session Two information.
SCHOLARS-AT-WORK PROGRAM
APPLICATION

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name:________________________________________ Student ID#:_____________________________________
School:________________________________________ Pathway/Concentration (if applicable):_______________________
Mobile Phone:____________________________________ Home Phone:______________________________________
Email Address:______________________________________ Grade Level:_____ Age:_____
Street Address:_____________________________________ City:_____________ State:_______ Zipcode:_________

QUESTIONS

1. Why are you applying for the DPS Scholars-At-Work Program?

2. What makes you a good candidate for the program?

3. What are your favorite subjects in school, and why?
4. What are your career interests, and why? If you’re not sure, just tell us about the general type of work you are considering (such as: helping people, working with your hands, working with computers, etc).

5. If you have any prior work or volunteer experience, describe it below.

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**TEACHER RECOMMENDATION**

To be completed by one of your current teachers:

I, ______________________________, recommend the student above for this program.

Print name

Signature:_________________________ Date:_______ Telephone:____________________

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**PARENT PERMISSION**

Parent/Guardian Name:_________________________ Email Address:_________________________

Mobile Phone:_________________________ Home Phone:_________________________

Emergency Contact Name:_________________________ Emergency Contact Telephone:____________________

I, the parent or guardian named above, give permission for my child to participate in the DPS Scholars-At-Work Program. I understand: space is limited and not all applicants will be selected; those selected will have to pay a $25 registration fee by the stated deadline to secure their spot; transportation will be provided from a DPS site to the student’s worksite and back, however families will be responsible for drop-off and pick-up at the DPS site.

Please check one of the following:  □ I grant permission for my child’s name and image to be used in publications, news articles, websites, or other media of DPS or external organizations (such as host companies or news organizations), in print, digital, or video form.  □ I deny permission for my child’s name and image to be released.

Parent Signature:_________________________ Date:__________________

Submit this completed application to your school’s Career Development Coordinator by the application deadline.