Durham Public Schools

Scholars-At-Work Program

Session Two: April 2 – 5, 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 February 16—Complete the attached application and turn it in to your school’s Career Development Coordinator or Special Populations Coordinator.

By March 2—You will be informed if you’ve been selected for the program. Once offered a position, you must submit a $25 registration fee within 1 week to secure your placement and to help pay for lunch and transportation. Submit payment to your Career Development Coordinator (cash or check). Checks may be made payable to “CTE Boosters”.

For more information: Contact Ondrea Austin, ondrea.austin@dpsnc.net, (919) 560-3858

*Only students enrolled at Durham Schools of the Arts, Hillside, Jordan, Lakeview, Northern, Performance Learning Center, Riverside, School for Creative Studies and Southern are eligible for Session Two. CMA and New Tech students may visit www.dpsnc.net/cte/scholarsatwork for Session One 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.

6. Have you participated in Scholars-At-Work before? (check one)  □ Yes  □ No

TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

To be completed by one of your current teachers:

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

Print name

Signature: ____________________________ Date: _________ Telephone: ______________

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 or Special Populations Coordinator by the application deadline.