

MDC “Learn And Earn – Careers in Water” Summer Program Information

This summer, MDC is once again hosting the “Learn and Earn – Careers in Water” program, geared toward high school students who will be entering their senior year in September 2018. This program will benefit students who may not immediately be entering college after high school or are undecided on a career path beyond high school. The intent of this program is to educate the students to the many professions within the water and wastewater (Clean Water Project) industry. In the past, MDC has participated in summer intern programs with students from CREC, CT River Academy of East Hartford and the Academy of Engineering & Green Technology of Hartford. These remain good sources for students who will potentially meet the criteria for this program.

“MDC Learn and Earn” will be a 4 week paid program with a rate of pay of \$10.10 per hour. The program will begin on July 9 and end on August 2. A maximum of 12 students will be accepted into the program, which is available to qualifying high school students in MDC member towns. Due to the limited number of students that can be accepted into the program, *each member town will have **one** guaranteed spot for a student from their town*, with the remaining four spots going to the next four most qualified candidates. Therefore, we are asking that each town nominate 2 students, one of which will be placed in the program and one of which will compete for one of the remaining 4 spots and/or serve as an alternate should the primary student be unable to attend. Please identify which student is primary and which is alternate.

Students will be exposed to all of the career fields that make up a water/sewer utility. They will receive presentations from MDC and industry professionals and will participate in hands on activities during this training program. Students will spend two weeks learning about careers pertaining to water and wastewater, including treatment and distribution, system operator licensing requirements, and other careers in water/wastewater operations. The remaining 2 weeks of the program students will have the opportunity to work in a District department and or facility that interested them most during the first two weeks of the program.

Potential candidates to be interviewed for the program should be recommended by the Town Board of Education and/or Superintendent of Schools or other similar agencies. Student GPA, future goals, career path after high school, and a sincere interest in the water/wastewater industry should be considered in making the selection. A student application, permission slip and medical release form (attached) will be required for each participant. **Students MUST have a means of transportation to and from selected District facilities at the beginning and end of each work day.** Transportation during the day will be provided as needed. Lunch will also be provided.

All applications are due to the MDC no later than **Friday, May 11, 2018**, and can be submitted via first class mail to program coordinator Raymond E. Baral Jr., Assistant Manager of Water Treatment, The Metropolitan District, 1420 Farmington Ave., West Hartford, CT 06107, or via email at rbaral@themdc.com. The completed student application, permission slip and medical release form should accompany each submission.

Please also direct questions to Ray Baral at 860-278-7850 ext. 3924.