



SWOP 2020 Youth Community Service Award Application Round 2

Deadline to apply: September 8, 2020

Calling all 11 to 14 year-olds! This summer the Summer Work Outreach Project challenges YOU to find ways to serve your community and earn the chance to win a \$40 award!

For 24 years the Summer Work Outreach Project has offered a six-week program for eleven to fourteen year-olds from Chisholm, Eveleth-Gilbert, Mt. Iron-Buhl, and Virginia who want to work for their community while learning life skills and earning a stipend. However, given the COVID-19 pandemic, the SWOP board decided it would be safest to cancel the 2020 summer program.

While the regular summer program is cancelled, we still encourage youth to learn and practice some of the important life skills and values that SWOP works to instill in them. Two of those are Community Service and Preparation for Future Employment. To qualify for a SWOP Youth Community Service Award, find a way that you can serve your local community then fill out this application to tell us about what you did. In addition to community service, we want you to be thinking about future jobs that you might like to have and what it takes to do those jobs. Do a little research on a type of job you think you might like to have, then answer some questions about that job.

Qualified applicants will have the chance to win \$40 awards. Applications will be evaluated by the SWOP board. We will base our selection on level of effort, thoughtfulness, and community impact.

Eligibility: Youth, ages 11 to 14, must attend or reside in one of the following school districts: Chisholm, Eveleth-Gilbert, Hibbing, Mesabi East, Mt. Iron-Buhl, Virginia, ISD 2142 (St. Louis Co.)

To apply: Youth complete both sides of the application, with parent/guardian signature. **All questions must be answered and be legible. APPLICATION DEADLINE: Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2020. Youth will be notified if they have won an award by September 30.**

Name: _____ Phone: _____	
Mailing Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____	
Physical Address if different: _____	
School District (circle one):	
Chisholm Eveleth-Gilbert Hibbing Mesabi East Mt Iron-Buhl Virginia ISD 2142 (St. Louis Co.)	
Age: _____ (as of Sept. 8, 2020)	Grade in Fall: _____

Note: Answering the following questions will not affect your award eligibility.

- Gender: Female Male Prefer not to answer • Ethnicity: _____ Prefer not to answer
- Have you worked with SWOP before? Yes No If yes, what year? _____

You are encouraged to take photos of you carrying out your community service activity (not required). Photos can be emailed to swopforyouth@gmail.com. Or find us on Facebook/Twitter!

Please contact Dawn Trexel with any questions: 218-750-1877 or swopforyouth@gmail.com.

Community Service

SWOP strives to engage youth in their communities. We do this by encouraging youth to serve their communities. Think about ways that you can serve your community, then by September 8, 2020, carry out that action (or those actions). Some ideas include helping a neighbor with yard work, litter cleanup, volunteering for a non-profit organization, or sending letters to shut-ins. What other ideas can you think of? These actions should be approved by a parent/guardian and should be safe to carry out during the COVID-19 pandemic. Once you have carried out your community service, answer the questions below in essay format on a separate sheet of paper.

- Hours spent in community service: _____
- Describe your community service action(s).
- What difference did your action(s) make in your community?
- What did you learn about your community by doing this activity?

Preparation for Future Employment

One goal of SWOP is to prepare youth for future employment. This is done through learning and practicing important skills, like communication, respect, hard work, and responsibility. Youth also learn about some of the jobs that are available in their communities. This summer, pick one job you think you might like to have someday, then do some research to find out more about that job and what it takes to do that job. That research could involve online searches, talking with someone who has that job, or calling a specific place of work. Once you have conducted your research, answer the questions below in essay format on a separate sheet of paper.

- Job Position: _____
- Place of work (it could be a specific business or a general place like 'hospital', 'school', 'mine'):
- What education or training is needed in order to be hired for this job?
- What skills are required to do this job well? (think of both technical and social skills)
- What impact does this job have in our community or world?

By signing I attest that the information in this application is accurate and has been completed solely by the youth applicant. (Note: It is OK for adults to proof-read essays.)

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____ email _____ phone _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

Please mail or email this application no later than **Tuesday, September 8, 2020 to:
SWOP, 8590 Enterprise Dr S, Mt. Iron, MN 55768 or swopforyouth@gmail.com**

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