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Charleston County Public Safety accepting applications for annual Student Leadership and Intern Program

High school juniors in Charleston County public schools can now apply for Charleston County Public Safety's Student Leadership and Intern Program, a paid opportunity designed to build leadership skills, introduce career pathways, and provide hands-on experience in the public safety field.

Throughout the program, students will gain a comprehensive understanding of how Charleston County's public safety teams work together and serve the community. Participants will train with and learn from the Emergency Communications Center (9-1-1), EMS, Awendaw-McClellanville Fire Department, and Emergency Management.

The program includes emergency preparedness training, basic firefighting skills, introductory emergency medical instruction, and simulated call-taking exercises to provide real-world exposure to public safety operations.

The initial five-week summer session begins Friday, June 12, with six-hour days held Monday through Friday through July 16. Students who continue in the program will also participate in select monthly activities during the school year.

There is no cost to participate, and students will earn \$16.30 per hour. Applicants must submit signed parental or guardian consent and provide school transcripts verifying current enrollment as a junior in a Charleston County public high school.

Program Responsibilities

Participants will:

- Work six-hour days Monday through Friday from June 12 to July 16
- Participate in select monthly activities during the school year
- Assist Public Safety departments at community outreach events
- Complete at least one EMS ride-along
- Develop foundational leadership and career-readiness skills
- Maintain weekly journals to meet Charleston County Career and Technology Education (CTE) requirements

Minimum Qualifications

Applicants must:

- Be a junior (rising senior) enrolled in a Charleston County public high school
- Be a permanent resident of Charleston County
- Be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or possess an Employment Authorization Document (EAD)
- Successfully pass a background investigation, including but not limited to driving, school, employment, and reference checks
- Have no felony convictions; misdemeanor offenses will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis
- Not be on academic probation and maintain satisfactory grades and attendance
- Comply with Charleston County's drug-free workplace policy

Due to limited space, students are encouraged to apply early. Applications are available at WorkFor911.com. The application period will close Friday, May 1, 2026, or once all positions are filled. Selected candidates will be contacted via email with next steps in the interview process.

In keeping with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), those needing assistance should contact Charleston County at (843) 746-4086 during regular business hours.

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