Work, Learn & Grow

Frequently Asked Questions





What is the Work, Learn & Grow program?

WLG offers young people (between the ages of 16 and 20) from select NYC public schools an opportunity to strengthen work-readiness skills, explore careers, and receive academic support-including guidance on postsecondary education and the potential to earn a college credit.



What are the eligibility requirements?

You may qualify for **CareerReady WLG** if you are between the ages of 16 and 19 as of October 28, 2024, enrolled in a public high school, and were a participant of CareerReady SYEP 2024.

You may qualify for **Special Initiatives WLG** if you are between the ages of 16 and 20 as of October 28, 2024, are currently enrolled in a high school or a high school equivalency program, and were a participant of Special Initiatives SYEP 2024.

In addition to these requirements, all WLG participants must be a resident of one of the five boroughs of New York City and legally allowed to work in the US.



When will the WLG application be available?

Applications will open October 7, 2024 and will remain open until October 21, 2024.

If you are applying to **CareerReady WLG**, please visit this website to apply:

https://worklearngrow.yepsonline.org/ To receive a paper application for **CareerReady WLG**, contact the provider affiliated with your school.

If you are applying to **Special Initiatives WLG**, please contact your WLG- SI Provider to submit an application.

Check out the School-Provider list here for WLG 2024-2025.



When does the program begin?

The WLG program kicks off on October 28, 2024, and will continue until the week of March 24, 2025. Internships will start in December, allowing participants to work up to 12 hours a week, with the opportunity to work up to 21 hours a week during winter recess and regents week.

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If selected, how can I submit my enrollment documents?

You will have the option to submit your documents online, or in-person to your Provider. Your Provider will reach out to you with more information regarding this. Check out the full required documents checklist here.



How much will I be paid?

WLG gives participants the opportunity to earn up to \$4,091.50 throughout the program. Participants will be paid biweekly via direct deposit or a payroll debit card. Your Provider will explain the weekly hours breakdown of the program during orientation.



What are the hour requirements for each component of WLG?

Please note, WLG consists of 250 hours of programming. Please see the hours breakdown by component below:

Orientation: 6 Hours CUNY Course: 15 Hours

Provider-led Sessions: 10 Hours

Reflection: 5 Hours
Internship: 214 Hours



What types of jobs are offered through WLG?

Jobs may be in-person, remote, or a hybrid of both. Examples of industry sectors that have hosted WLG participants are Educational Services, Hospitality, Information Technology, and Financial Services.



Will I need internet access to participate in this program?

Internet access is required to participate in WLG. Please inform your provider if you know you do not have an internet connected device, such as a smartphone, iPad, or computer.