



DUBUQUE AREA LABOR-MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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7 students receive educational grant; applications now available for second round

Seven students who are getting ready for occupations in the Dubuque-area workforce have been awarded “Education to Employment” grants by the Dubuque Area Labor-Management Council. This brings the number to 165 students helped since 2000.

The recipients – each of whom will get \$1,000 grants – will be recognized at a banquet on Tuesday, November 23 at the Grand River Center.

The Dubuque Area Labor-Management Council will distribute additional funds in financial aid as part of its tenth annual Education-to-Employment Grants Program. Applications are now available and will be accepted until May 14. Second round recipients will be announced in August. Two students from all those selected will be awarded multi-year grants.

To show that “there is a future for young people in the tri-state area,” the program is part of the Council’s goal to retain a higher percentage of school graduates in the area workforce and to develop and maintain a highly-skilled workforce.

The Education-to-Employment Grant Program is designed to increase awareness about skilled fields of occupation in the Dubuque area where there is a demand for good workers who need specific education or training to qualify for available jobs. Applicants must indicate that they want to work in the Dubuque area following the completion of their education.

Eligible to apply are the children, foster children, employees, members and underemployed/unemployed spouses of workers affiliated with the over 100 employers, unions and other organizations that are corporate sponsors of Summerfest Dubuque or members of the Labor-Management Council. Also eligible are National Guard and Reserve personnel who have served since September 11, 2001, and their immediate family members.

The program was launched in 1999 and is financed by the proceeds of Summerfest Dubuque, a community music and entertainment extravaganza sponsored by the Labor-Management Council and other employers, unions and individuals in the community. Summerfest Dubuque 2010 is set for Friday, August 13, 5-10 p.m. on Main Street at the Town Clock with music by The R Factor.

Employers and unions may become a sponsor of the program or join the Labor-Management Council to make the immediate families of their employees and members eligible for grant assistance.

Applications and detailed guidelines are available through member or sponsoring organizations. A list of these organizations can be found on the Internet at www.dalmc.com. The guidelines are also posted on the website, and applications can be downloaded from there.

“One of the unique aspects of this program is that people do not need to be straight-A students or show financial need in order to qualify for assistance,” explained Kelly Cooper, Assistant Director of the Labor-Management Council. “We ask that individuals be serious about their education, be knowledgeable about the growth occupations in the tri-states, and show evidence of their desire and potential to succeed in a high-skill, high-wage jobs in the Dubuque area.”

2010 First Round Recipients

Brook Furlong

Occupation: Elementary Education

School: University of Iowa

Alice Guns

Occupation: Child Psychologist

School: Loras College

Jaclyn Koos

Occupation: Radiologic Technology

School: Northeast Iowa Community College

Nathan Pregler

Occupation: Electrician

School: Northeast Iowa Community College

Patrick Redfearn

Occupation: Auto and Diesel Mechanics

School: Northeast Iowa Community College

Amanda Ties

Occupation: Accounting

School: Loras College

Rachel Wedewer

Occupation: Computer Science/Graphic Design

School: Loras College or University of Northern Iowa

For more information, or to schedule a presentation about the program for a group, contact

Cooper at the Labor-Management Council, at 582-8804.