



DUBUQUE AREA LABOR-MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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“Education-to-Employment” Grant Program

Need money for your education? Check out the Education-to-Employment Grant program offered by the Dubuque Area Labor-Management Council. Each recipient receives up to \$1,000 to use towards their education, and the best part is that you don’t ever have to pay it back!

The second round of applications for the grant program opens April 1st and runs until May 14th. The Dubuque Area Labor-Management Council will distribute additional funds as part of its tenth annual Education-to-Employment Grants Program. Second round recipients will be announced in August. Up to two students from all of the 2010 grant recipients will be selected to receive 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 more than 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 2010 is set for Friday, August 13, 5-10 p.m. on Main Street at the Town Clock Plaza.

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 at www.dalmc.com. The guidelines are also posted on the website, and applications can be downloaded 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.”

For more information, or to schedule a presentation about the program for a group, contact Cooper at the Labor-Management Council, at 582-8804.