

Summer Youth Program gearing up

New criteria focus on academics

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Hello everyone. Another year of work for the Summer Youth Program, and with it comes our yearly criteria for eligibility to work this summer.

This year due to funding limitations, we are building our criteria on "Maintaining Academic Responsibilities." To be eligible to work this summer, each youth has to be on track to graduate, have good grades (at least passing grades, 2.0 GPA), and maintaining daily school attendance.

So when youth come to apply in the program, along with all paper requirements, we will be needing each youth's high

school transcripts, or their latest report cards from middle school. Students who are required to attend summer school need to complete summer school before applying for summer employment.

Program eligibility consists of filling out an application; doing a profile and service plan which includes writing out your career goals; tribal ID's; and an income verification form for federal purposes (all those living in any household, 18 years or older need to fill this out.)

Also, attach any AFS, GA, SSI or Commodities documents to this income form. This will make any youth automatically eligible. We also started a two-day orientation for all new youth

who have not worked through the program before, which all are required to attend. This will be held at the Warm Springs Elementary School cafeteria on June 7-8 from 8 a.m. till 4 p.m.

After all the proper documents are complete, then you are qualified to work this summer. The next step is to come in to pick up your applications, usually at the end of May, to take around to the three chosen places of your choice of work for the summer, and start setting up your interviews.

The next step after the interview is the hiring process, which takes about three or four days, depending on the circumstances. So please, parents, make sure your youth doesn't start working until they specifically sign their hire papers and tax forms.

Each year a youth slips by our hands and starts working before signing their hire papers, so please don't make this mistake. Make sure you always ask questions, if you're not sure.

Students completing their summer work experience may be eligible to receive one-half credit from the school district for their work.

We are currently working this out with the district.

If anyone has any questions, please call either Verleen Kalama, YPD administrator; Darlene Trimble, assistant; Melinda Poitra, WIA administrator; or Corey Clements, director, at 553-3324.

Let's make this a positive learning experience for each youth.

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Happy birthday and other wishes...

Happy birthday on April 26th to my brother Juan Lamebear aka Biggy. I wish you the best on your birthday. I'm sorry I couldn't be there with you. I miss ya and take care. Con mucho carino de tu hermana. Christina Lamebear.

Happy birthday to our big brother Juan Manuel. Who finally reached the big one-eight, hope you have a good one, much luv from your bro's and sistaz down in Phoenix, Ariz. Mauricio, Soledad, Manuel Jr., Cassandra and Ulysses Ortiz.



Happy 8th birthday my princess Theyliah Vernaya Tonika Suppah. April 23. With lotsa love, hugs and kisses always and forever, your mommy Tiffiney.

Happy birthday to Theyliah. Love you always, from Prais, Roseli LeClaire

Happy 8th birthday Theyliah, love you always. Jeremiah and Paul.

Happy 8th birthday, to my great-granddaughter, Theyliah Suppah. Lotsa love xoxo, Metsa and John

Happy birthday Lorajia, from Theyliah, Prais and Tiffiney

Happy birthday Johnny, from Theyliah, Prais and Tiffiney

Happy birthday Andrew Lujan, from Theyliah, Prais and Tiffiney

Happy birthday Stephan Miller, from Theyliah, Prais and Tiffiney

Happy birthday Forest Renfro, from Theyliah, Prais and Tiffiney

Happy birthday to the best Daddy, Johnny Holliday Sr., April 26th from Xariya and Jr. Holliday. We love you. Thanks for everything.

Happy birthday to Johnny. I love you. From Adele. April 26, 2004.

Happy birthday to Theyliah Suppah, from the Hollidays. April 23.

Happy belated birthday to Grandma Bucky, April 15. Love, Johnny and Family.

Happy birthday to Laneda. We love you and miss you, Grandma and Grandpa

Happy birthday to Laneda, have a good one. Love Auntie.

Happy birthday Laneda S. Thompson, Love Tonya Leigh

Happy birthday Jeff Brisbois, Love Tonya Leigh

Happy birthday to my nephews Donnie Bagley, Jr. and Derrick Main, the terrible two from Uncle Ookie.

Happy first birthday to our precious Michael. We love you very much. Dad and Mom, and Nana Adrienne, Yaya Trúman.

Happy birthday to my husband-to-be David K. Belgard Sr. I know you're going to have a good one. Love, your wife-to-be Dinah.

Happy "Sweet 16th" birthday to Truman V. Merrifield. Love you always. Your mom, Dinah and Dave and lil' brother Michael Belgard.

Happy belated birthday to my eldest son Frederick Duran Bobb on April 17. I'm proud of you son for all you've accomplished and just for being you. Congratulations in your new status. I hope and pray the years to follow will bring many more blessings to you and yours. Love, Mom.

Happy birthday to my uncle Olney Patt. You are a valued elder and I wish you much health and happiness on your birthday. From your niece, Myrna Frank and my whole family.

In loving memory to my mom, Cecil McKinley Frank.

Happy mother's day to all the womenfolk in our big family: daughters, sisters, nieces, granddaughters, cousins, aunts and friends, too many to name. All year long and throughout history

the mothers of the world worry, cry, laugh, struggle and pray on behalf of our loved ones.

You are loved and appreciated not just today but every day throughout the year. So kick up your fried-breads (your feet) and kick back and let the family cook the luckamean on Mother's Day. You earned the rest. Without you (me, us) there wouldn't be a

happy home and family. All Indian women and moms (and grammas) are like diamonds and rubies - we're precious and unique. Not another like us in all the world. Aay! Happy Mother's Day and Cinco de Mayo to all my fellow mamas and grammas. Love, Myrna Frank.

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