



Teens In Public Service

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Dear TIPS Supporters,

TIPS continues to do their part to ease the high unemployment rate among teens. Tough economic times and a dwindling job market means many teenagers who usually work over the summer could be out of a job. In July 2011, the employment rate of youth was 48.8 percent, according to a news release from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), the lowest rate on record since 1948. July typically has the highest rates of youth employment each year, according to the BLS report. According to the Center for Labor Market at Northeastern University, no age group of American working-age adults has seen such a dramatic decline in their overall employment rates over the past four years and especially over the 2000-2010 decade. This translates to over 4 million more teenagers struggling to find summer jobs than just one decade ago. We at TIPS, continue to help teens not only find work, but also find ways to give back to their community at the same time. Through our summer internship program, our TIPS interns will secure employment at various non-profit organizations throughout the Greater Puget Sound Area.

TIPS is now seeking applicants for its 2012 summer program.

We invite teens ages 15 to 19, who are leaders in their high schools and are committed to becoming a part of their community through service and volunteerism, to apply. Our internships give teens the chance to earn a summer paycheck as well as open their eyes to the needs of their community. Our hope is that these teens will continue to be involved with their communities and to provide them with future career options as well as all the responsibilities that come with holding down a job! An intern from 2011 had this to say about her experience at the Seattle's Children Play Garden, *"This internship opened my eyes to working with and teaching children as a career opportunity."*

How do teens apply to TIPS?

- Visit the TIPS website at www.teensinpublicservice.org to submit an application on line or download a PDF version of our application.
- Call the TIPS office at 206-985-4647.
- Each applicant also must submit two letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, adult mentor or others who can attest to the applicant's character.
- Applicants must be in high school, between the ages of 15-19 and must be 15 years old by June, 1, 2012.
- Strong attention is given to an applicant's availability. Each intern will work 20 or 30 hours per week for 8 weeks and five of those weeks must be consecutive.

The deadline for applications is Friday, March 23, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. Because of the competitive nature of the program, late deadlines will not be accepted.

The 2012 Spring Frolic Fun Run/Walk

Finally, I am so excited to let you know that TIPS will be putting on our first annual Spring Frolic 5K Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, May 12th at Seward Park at 10:00 a.m. Please save the date! Prizes will be given for best "Spring Attire" custom. We have a great group of TIPS alumni planning the event. We will have special pricing for children age 5 years, as well as for teens. If you are interested in being a sponsor for the event, financial or in-kind, please contact me at cathy@teensinpublicservice.org. Please give me a call if you have any questions or would like to be a sponsor or a volunteer for this inaugural event!

Also more information is on our website at: <http://www.teensinpublicservice.org/events/fun-run/>.

Sincerely,

Cathy Michalec, *Executive Director*