

GUEST COLUMN
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From: Mayor James E. “Jamie” Mayo

2017 City of Monroe Youth Summer Job Program

The Monroe City Council and I are extremely proud to say, for a number of years, the City of Monroe has been able to employ high school and college students for several weeks during the summer. For many, this is their very first job. Our goal is to help them develop some useful skills while providing them with some hard earned cash. The application period for our six-week long 2017 City of Monroe Youth Summer Job Program will begin on Monday, March 27th. We have multiple programs that will provide valuable job experience and a little extra cash to at least 200 young men and women over the course of six weeks this summer. Below is a brief summary of these programs.

CDBG – summer youth employment program is financed through the City of Monroe’s Entitlement Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. This particular program is among those President Trump is proposing to eliminate in his 2018 federal budget. Please help us relay the importance of this program to all of our federal elected officials. Those working in this program are placed in a variety of city offices and departments. These funds are received from the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development. Since federal funds are used for this program, it has household income requirements which can be found in the advertisement within this paper OR on our website: www.monroela.us Age Range (16 to 21). Applications accepted March 27 thru March 30 at Henrietta Johnson Community Center 2800 Berg Jones Lane (ONLY).

Green Team – allows our youth to earn a paycheck while playing a valuable role in how our city looks. This program focuses on citywide beautification projects. You must be an energetic, able to work with a team, and in heat of the Louisiana sun. The majority of workplace activities take place outside. Age Range (16 to 24). Applications accepted March 27 thru May 5 at Monroe City Hall.

Community Affairs - involves assisting supervisors who are working with younger children participating in our Parks & Recreation summer programs at city community centers. This involves indoor and outdoor activities, maintenance and various projects. You must be energetic, patient, able and willing to work with children. Age Range (16 to 24). Applications accepted March 27 thru May 5 at Benoit Community Center, 1700 Oaklawn Drive.

Lifeguards – are hired each summer to keep swimmers safe and project a positive environment at our two public swimming pools. Qualifications include CPR certification for the Professional Rescuer, AED, Basic First Aid, and Emergency Oxygen. Age Range (16 to 24). Applications accepted March 27 thru May 5 at Benoit Community Center, 1700 Oaklawn Drive.

Students and parents, please keep in mind that turning in an application does not guarantee a job. It is also mandatory that you bring a copy of your latest report card with your job application. There are no exceptions to this rule. By working together, we are able to make a difference in the lives of at least 200 young people each year. Monroe is one city, with one future!