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## **Virtual Summer Youth Education Program Now Accepting Applications**

**SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO**—Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro has announced registration is underway for the 2021 Virtual Summer Youth Education Program. Now in its second year, the virtual program is available to qualifying youths between the ages of 16 and 20.

The program, which is online only, is six weeks long and includes job readiness education, as well as the opportunity to earn an occupational skills credential. Each youth participant may earn up to \$1,470 in incentive payments if all programming is completed as assigned and required. A free Chromebook laptop to keep will be issued to every youth that participates. Parents or guardians can register their youth online now by visiting [tiny.one/vsyep](https://tiny.one/vsyep).

“The Virtual Summer Youth Education Program is one part of a multi-pronged strategy to provide a skilled, job-ready workforce to current and prospective Summit County employers,” said Executive Shapiro. “The job skills education and occupational skills credentials offered through this program will provide youths with a solid foundation to grow upon as they enter the workforce. We are especially pleased to be able to offer free laptops to each participant this year, a resource that will help students even after they complete our program.”

Eligible participants must meet the following requirements:

- Must be a Summit County resident aged 16-20 as of June 1, 2021; those out of high school must reside in a home with a minor child.
- Household income must not exceed 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.
- Must be available to participate online from early June through late July.
- Opportunities will be very limited, registering as soon as possible is recommended.

Online registration using the link above is required. Participants and their families will be given instructions on how to continue the process of eligibility determination and placement in the program. All contact will be made via telephone and email, so those registered should be responsive to program staff’s contacts to ensure eligibility can be determined and for ongoing successful participation. While a Chromebook laptop is being provided, Internet access is **required** to participate and is not furnished by

the program. Due to limited funding, there is no guarantee that all who register will be placed in the program.

Families in need of internet access can apply for the federal Emergency Broadband Benefit program beginning May 12. This program provides up to a \$50/month discount on broadband service for eligible households. Eligibility information and the program application is available at <https://getemergencybroadband.org/>.

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