Workshop Topics Include:

- motivation and goal setting
- decision making and values
- communication and attitude
- teamwork
- trust
- leadership and initiative
- banking basics
- money management
- work readiness skills
- applying for a job
- interviewing
- composing a resume
- composing a cover letter
- career and college exploration
- stress management
- emotion management

Program Staffing

The Learn and Earn Program Coordinator and Youth Program Assistant work very closely with each program participant to assist them in meeting their individualized needs and becoming successful young professionals.

"The thing that I liked about the Learn and Earn Program is that it taught me important life skills. I learned how to write a better cover letter, a resume, write an application, and learned how to use my communication skills in a more effective manner." - Youth Participant

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The Learn and Earn Program is committed to providing training opportunities to develop basic life and job skills for high school students in Chemung County.
**Program Description**

The Chemung County Youth Bureau’s Learn and Earn Program provides youth program participants with an opportunity to strengthen their ability to become self-sufficient and responsible through a series of basic life and job skills training that will benefit them in a variety of life settings. The goal of the Learn and Earn Program is to enable youth to see themselves as respected, successful, and contributing members of the community and workforce with strong goals for their future.

The program serves income eligible youth ages 14-18, who are currently enrolled in high school in Chemung County. The program operates in 4 sessions throughout the school year. Income eligibility is based upon the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance Department in regards to the Temporary Assistance (TANF) for Needy Families Program. Youth program participant’s family income must be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty guidelines.

**Program Training**

Each session of Learn and Earn consists of a 20 hour curriculum designed to teach students basic life and job skills that will assist them in becoming self-sufficient adults and in gaining meaningful employment. Program workshops take place for one hour after school. Students are not considered employees of the Youth Bureau for this program. In addition to income guidelines, eligibility for this program is based on attendance, appropriate behaviors, and attitude. Students who successfully complete the 20 hour training will receive a stipend (based on the hourly minimum wage rate). This stipend will be provided in two installments. Students must attend at least 18 of the 20 hours of training in order to receive payment.

**Why should you participate in the Learn and Earn Program?**

The Learn and Earn Program teaches you important, beneficial life skills and job skills that will help you in any setting in life, particularly the “work world.” You may also have the opportunity to transition into the Youth Bureau’s Summer Youth Employment Program in which you have an opportunity to work more hours and earn more money during the summer.

**What’s the best part?**

You can earn money and other fun program incentives for participating in activities!