

YouthWork\$



Town of Amherst Youth & Recreation Department

Providing year-round help to residents and worthwhile paying job opportunities for teens

Are you a teen looking for a way to earn some extra money?



Are you an Amherst or Williamsville resident in need of assistance with extra work around your home?

Call us at 631-7217

Please call or e-mail the YouthWork\$ staff regarding any questions or concerns about the program. Thank you and we look forward to serving you.
Robin Erwin, YouthWork\$ Coordinator
 e-mail: rerwin@amherst.ny.us



Here's How it Works:

For Residents:

1.) YouthWork\$ receives calls from residents of Amherst who need assistance in, or around their homes. A youth participant is then contacted about the job possibility. If interested in the job, the youth is given the resident's contact information and then calls the resident to discuss the time the job is to be accomplished and the salary to be earned. Youth are contacted based upon requests made in their neighborhood area.

2.) Our youth do a variety of jobs (see application for examples). We are very concerned about teen safety. Please do not ask us to send someone to do jobs that require climbing ladders, roof work, carrying heavy/large objects up or down stairs, provide childcare with use of a pool or trampoline, or anything that would require driving, as we will be unable to fill those positions.

The YouthWork\$ staff would like this to be a positive experience for both teens and residents. Our staff is available to answer questions or to take job information from residents during office hours. You may also leave a detailed message after hours and we will return your call promptly. You may also e-mail us at: rerwin@amherst.ny.us

3.) The price paid to the teen by the resident for the work is decided between both parties, but should be at least the minimum wage for the first hour or less, and for each additional hour. Exceptions to this are babysitting, shoveling, and mowing. (These should be decided fairly between the youth, their parent and the resident, before the work is to be done.) We ask that you pay the youth at the end of each day's work, even when the job requires working more than one day.

For Parents/Guardians of YouthWork\$ participants:

The Town of Amherst is providing this service as a link between adult residents and teens. We would like involvement in this program to be a positive experience for young people. Although we try to make sure the job is safe for teens to do, we do not personally interview each adult that calls us. Adult assistance and encouragement are important aspects of this program. It is up to you as a parent, to make sure your child is safe doing whatever jobs the resident needs done. We encourage you to talk to your child before and after working for a resident. It is important that you are aware of all the details regarding the job. You may also want to consider accompanying your child on the initial visit. Getting to know the resident is an important safeguard. We are sure you would like to meet the resident for whom your child will be working. Please encourage your child to complete the upper part of the application, then check it over and have them make changes as necessary (this is good experience for your child when filling out job applications in the future). Please also fill out the bottom portion completely and sign it. The application can then be mailed to the address listed above. We will be in contact with your child when we have a job in your area that would be of interest to him/her, based on information from his or her application. We cannot provide a job opportunity if there is no signature from a parent or guardian.

For Teens:

- 1.) If you are an Amherst resident and student age 12-20 interested in working for YouthWork\$
- 2.) Read and discuss this information with your parents so that they understand what is involved. If you decide you are interested in joining the program, complete the application below and mail it to:
 Amherst Youth & Recreation Dept., YouthWork\$ Program, ATTN: Robin Erwin, 1615 Amherst Manor Dr., Williamsville, NY 14221.
- 3.) We will contact you when we have something in your area that you may be interested in.



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Teen Application Form

DATE OF APPLICATION			
THIS SECTION TO BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY BY TEEN APPLICANT AND SIGNED BY TEEN APPLICANT			
NAME			<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F
ADDRESS			ZIP
HOME PHONE	DATE OF BIRTH	AGE	GRADE
E-MAIL ADDRESS			
OTHER PHONE NUMBERS—CELL, MOM/DAD, ETC.			
SCHOOL			
How did your family hear about YouthWork\$? Ex: Flyer at Audubon Library, from friend (list name)			
CHECK THE TYPE OF JOB(S) YOU ARE MOST INTERESTED IN (*PLEASE CHECK AS MANY AS POSSIBLE):			
(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Rake Leaves (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Shovel Snow (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Yard Work (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Weeding (5) <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening (6) <input type="checkbox"/> Mow Lawns			
(7) <input type="checkbox"/> Pet Care (8) <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care Tutoring Students (10) <input type="checkbox"/> Tutor/Use of Computer (11) <input type="checkbox"/> Run Errands			
(12) <input type="checkbox"/> Working/helping with elderly or disabled (13) <input type="checkbox"/> Helping with Parties (14) <input type="checkbox"/> Light Housework (15) <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning Garage/Basement			
(16) <input type="checkbox"/> Organizing cupboards/closets (17) <input type="checkbox"/> Anything (Note: If you check anything, you could be called for any job, but may refuse if not interested.)			
List any other interests you may have. (Include hobbies, sports, or type of work that interests you).			
IF YOU ARE INVOLVED IN ANY ACTIVITIES THAT WOULD MAKE YOU UNABLE TO WORK AT CERTAIN TIMES (Ex. Sports clubs, etc.)			
Please list times you are <u>not</u> available here			
Did you take a child care course? Course was taken through: <input type="checkbox"/> YMCA <input type="checkbox"/> Red Cross <input type="checkbox"/> Girl Scouts			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Name):			
List any experience or training that you might have (or past work history—include volunteer work).			
I agree to return calls to the YouthWork\$ Staff promptly			
SIGNATURE OF YOUTH			
THIS SECTION MUST BE FILLED OUT AND SIGNED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN			
Does your child have any health limitations that would make him/her unable to do certain jobs? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
If Yes, Please list limits			
Would you be willing to drive your child to other Amherst areas if convenient for you? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Child Drives			
Amherst Youth & Recreation Department has my permission to use photos, videos and audio recording or other likenesses taken of my child for the purpose of publicizing Youth & Recreation Department programs and activities.			
I have read the information contained in this brochure and reviewed my child's information on the above application. I have discussed both with my child. I will strongly encourage my child to return calls to adult residents, and YouthWork\$ staff promptly.			
I, _____ will permit my child, _____ to participate			
(Print Parent/Guardian's Name)		(Print Child's Name)	
in the Youth Work\$ Program, and have read and agree to all terms of the program stated above.			
SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN		DATE	