**GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**ARE NOW AVAILABLE**

for businesses interested in participating in the

**Summer Youth Employment Program**

sponsored by Linn County Economic Development.

**The program is geared toward assisting local business and industry**

**with the initial cost of training entry-level positions.**

**Economic Development will reimburse the employer**

**the first $4.00/hour of a qualified entry-level employee’s salary,**

**for up to 30 hours per week, for a maximum of 10 weeks.**

**The business will agree to pay at least another $4.00/hour**

**for that period for a total of at least $8.00 per hour.**

**The program has funding for a maximum of nine positions.**

**The Youth Summer Employment Program is designated for youth between**

**the ages of 16 and 21. Youths must be residents of Linn County.**

Businesses and industries interested in participating in the program

should contact Jessica Hightower at jhightower@linncountyks.com

for information and a grant application.

Grant awards will be on a competitive basis

and will depend on number of requests received.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS NOON ON APRIL 15, 2020**