

# **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 Grant maximum is \$1200.00.

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 ten positions.

The Youth Summer Employment Program is designated for youth between  
the ages of 16 and 21. Youths must be residents of Linn County. The grant will be  
awarded in the spring. Processing occurs after 10 weeks of summer employment.

Businesses must submit accumulated hours and hourly wage for employee by  
September 1 to receive funds.

Businesses interested in participating in the program  
should contact Jessica Hightower at [jhightower@linncountyks.com](mailto: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 APRIL 1, 2021**