



# Are You A CalWORKs Youth Between The Ages Of 16-18?



**Earn & Learn**  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMUNITY AND  
SENIOR SERVICES  
**LA COUNTY YOUTH JOBS**



**YOU CAN EARN UP TO \$3,000 ■ LEARN VALUABLE LIFE SKILLS**

## Eligibility Requirements:

- L.A. County Resident
- Receiving CalWORKs
- 16-18 years of age
- Have the right to work in the U.S.
- Must have a work permit, if under 18

## Program Design:

- Work about 300 hours
- Receive Paid Personal Enrichment Training
- Receive Paid Work Readiness Training
- Work for variety of Employers in LA County
- Gain Work Experience doing a variety of work
- Get noticed by the Employers for possible hiring !!

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## LA COUNTY YOUTH JOBS PROGRAM CalWORKs Year-Round (CWYR) Questions & Answers

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Los Angeles County Youth Jobs (LACYJ) Program through the "Earn and Learn" model provides youth ages 16-18 with meaningful work experience. During their participation in the program, youth will:

- Participate in 25 hours of Personal Enrichment Training;
- Participate in approximately 300 hours of work experience (depending on youth's school schedule); **and**
- Earn up to \$3,000.

### Q. Who is eligible to the CalWORKs Year-Round Program?

**A:** Youth ages 16-18 who reside in Los Angeles County and are receiving CalWORKs through the Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services, authorized to work in the U.S., **and** have a valid work permit from their school.

### Q: Will my earnings from this Program impact my parent's CalWORKs benefit grant?

**A:** Earnings from the L.A. Youth Jobs Program for youth under 19 years of age is exempt (will not count) in determining the CalWORKs grant if the youth:

- is aided as a child under their parent or caretaker's case;
- is enrolled in school full-time; or
- has a school schedule that is equal to part-time curriculum **and** is not employed full-time (less than 173 hours per month).

**Earnings will count toward the CalWORKs grant for youth who do not meet the criteria listed above or youth who have their own CalWORKs case and are not under a parent case.**

### Q: Do I or do my parents have to report my earnings from the Earn & Learn Program to the County? If so, how do we report earnings to the County?

**A:** All earnings must be reported whether exempt or not. Earnings must be reported during the Redetermination interview and/or on the Semi-Annual Eligibility Status Report (SAR-7) in order for the Eligibility Worker to assess the earnings. Participants must clearly indicate on the SAR 7 that the earnings received are relevant to the LACYJ Program. You may ask your LACYJ Program case manager to provide you a letter indicating your earnings.

### Q: Do I need a work permit if I am a high school student?

**A:** Yes, if you are still attending school and are not 18 yet, you need a work permit from your school's administration office.

### Q: What if I am not 18 yet, but have a high school diploma, do I still need a work permit?

**A:** No. If you have graduated from high school and you are not 18 yet, you don't need a work permit, but you need to provide your diploma or General Education Development or GED certificate during enrollment.

### Q: What if the school I attend is closed in the summer, where should I go to get my work permit?

**A:** You can get the work permit from your Unified School District's Administration Office.



**YOUTH EARNED INCOME  
CALFRESH  
Questions and Answers**



**Q. Does earned income of a child under 18 years of age impact their parents' CalFresh eligibility/benefits?**

- A.** Earned income of a child under 18 years of age is exempt if:
- He/she has not attained their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday
  - He/she is a member of the CalFresh household
  - He/she is an elementary or secondary school student at least half-time

**Q. Does summer employment of a child under 18 years of age impact their parents' CalFresh eligibility/benefits?**

- A.** Full-time or part-time earnings of a child under 18 years of age received between school terms or during vacation periods (i.e., summer employment) is exempt, if the child plans to return to school next term or when the vacation period ends.

**Q. What type of other earned income of a child under 18 years of age is exempt from consideration for CalFresh eligibility?**

- A.** Income types for students under 18 years of age that remain exempt from consideration for CalFresh eligibility determination and benefits calculation may include, but not be limited to the following:
- Wages/salaries for work or services performed
  - Any payment received under Workforce Investment Act (WIA) programs, paid for work experience/training programs, and Summer Youth Employment Program such as Earn and Learn
  - Earnings from any College Work Study Program

**Q. Does the earned income of a child under 18 years of age need to be reported to the eligibility worker?**

- A.** Earnings of a child under 18 years of age must be reported to the Eligibility Worker whenever a household's income is reported. This income should be reported during the initial interview, Semi-Annual Eligibility Status Report (SAR-7), and during recertification.

**Note:** Earnings are excluded to household members under 19 years of age who are under the parental control of another adult household member and who are participating in on-the-job training programs of WIA, regardless of school attendance and/or enrollment.