

Workforce Protégé

Your business can have a hand in mentoring tomorrow's workers today!

What is Workforce Protégé?

It is an award-winning internship program created by a Minnesota business owner and Central Minnesota Jobs and Training Services, Inc. (CMJTS). The Workforce Protégé program allows businesses in our area to mentor a young person, help them learn valuable work skills, and allow them to earn money while gaining experience.

What do the Youth Protégés learn?

- The connection between work and success
- Good basic work skills and habits
- The importance of forming positive relationships with employers and community leader
- Increased self-worth gained through meeting work goals
- Encouragement toward post-secondary education

What are the employer's responsibilities?

Employers who take part in the Workforce Protégé program agree to provide work that will allow the participant to see the connection between work training and future employment, be responsible for a portion of the participant's compensation, provide feedback on the youth's work skills, and schedule focused mentoring sessions throughout the program. Employers are under no obligation to hire the participant at the end of the training program.

What's in it for me?

Fair question! You are training our future workforce, increasing the economic stability of our community, gaining extra hands for your business at a reduced rate, and being a positive influence in a young person's life.

Can we list your business as a potential Workforce Protégé site?

For more information or to sign up please contact:

Name, Phone Number, email

Kids need someone in their life advising them about the importance of hard work, good choices, and education.

They need good role models. They need to build their confidence.

You need to paint the picture for them. They can do this through work."

John Forbes, Owner
Heartthrob Exhaust, Inc.
Litchfield, MN