2020 Youth Employment Services (YES) Program Eligibility

Eligibility:
- Applicants must be 14-21 years of age attending school, or, 16-24 years of age and not attending school;
- Applicants must be an enrolled tribal citizen;
- Applicants must be residing in Southeast Alaska; and
- Applicants must be economically disadvantaged.

For your information, “economically disadvantaged” means:
- a) an individual who receives, or is a member of a family that receives cash welfare payments under a federal, state, or local welfare program; or
- b) an individual or a member of a family whose total family income for the past 30 days (excluding UI, Child Support Payments, and Welfare Payments), which in relation to family size, does not exceed the Poverty Guidelines set forth by the federal government.

Families receiving TANF benefits are eligible for an Income Waiver. This waiver allows the children of TANF recipients to work without counting their income towards the total family income.

Application Requirements:
- Complete Online YES Application
- Proof of Tribal Enrollment (Original)
- State Identification Documenting Date of Birth
- Social Security Card, or US Passport (Originals, Not Copies) Note: Soc. Security Card is Required if Hired.
- Proof of Southeast Residency
- Proof of Family Income for the Past 30 Days
- If Applicable, Proof of TANF, APA, UI, SSI
- Proof of Registration with the Selective Service for Males 18 Years of Age or Older
- Parent/Guardian Signature for Applicants 14-16 Years of Age

YES Summer Employment Information:

The Employment & Training department administers the Summer Youth Employment Services program, which is designed to assist tribal youth (ages 14-24) in obtaining summer employment. The intent of this program is to encourage self-sufficiency and assist youth in discovering career/education pathways while learning employment skills.

YES is available to Southeast Alaska communities. Each community program is tailored to meet the needs of participating communities. All participants accepted into the YES program will travel to Juneau for a two-day Youth CareerWORKS Conference. Sessions might include:
- Discover Your Ideal Career
- Resumé Writing
- Application Essentials
- Dress for Success
- Workplace Behaviors
- Interviewing Strategies

YES Coordinators seek to match applicants with host employers within the applicants’ fields of interest. Participants choose to interview for a variety of positions including clerical work, customer service, manual labor, and skilled apprenticeships, etc. Over the course of the summer program, participants learn the importance of having an education and a career. They are challenged to think critically about their future and are encouraged to chart pathways leading them to their goals.

If you have questions about the application requirements or need any assistance with completing this application, please contact your local YES Coordinator or Tlingit & Haida’s Youth Program Coordinator at 907.463.7176 or 1.800.344.1432 Ext. 7176.