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## **2019 Youth Summer Job Program Application Period Begins Soon**

Even though we have had some “winter weather” this week, spring is just two weeks away. That means summer will be here before you know it.

Some parents send their children away to spend time with family members during the summer, while others enroll their kids in summer camps, vacation bible school, and sports. However, when a child reaches a certain age, many parents hope their son or daughter can land a part-time job.

That first job is an important milestone for every young man and woman. It is a “learning” experience because it teaches them about discipline, punctuality, accountability, teamwork and more. It is an “earning” experience because it allows the youth to save money for school clothes, books/supplies, a vehicle, or even help out around the home, if necessary.

At the City of Monroe, we are #MonroeProud to be able to offer up to 150 young men and women a chance to land AND work a part-time job in our 2019 Youth Summer Job Program. Our six-week program begins with a mandatory orientation on May 31 and ends July 12. Jobs are available through our Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Green Team, Department of Community Affairs, and swimming pool Lifeguard programs.

The application period begins March 25 and ends April 26. Remember, hundreds of youth may turn in applications and we only have up to 150 slots to fill. So, just like any other business, turning in an application for a job is not a guarantee of employment.

For more detailed information, visit our website: [www.monroela.us](http://www.monroela.us) and click on the homepage banner that says 2019 Youth Summer Job Program. The link will direct you to flyers that explain more about our programs, specific application periods, and qualifications.

By working together, we are making a difference. Monroe is one city, with one future!