

## Work, Learn & Grow Participant FAQs (2023-2024)

### What is WLG?

WLG offers young people (between the ages of 16 and 21) from select NYC public schools an opportunity to strengthen work-readiness skills, explore careers, and receive academic support- including guidance on postsecondary education and the potential to earn a college credit.

### What Does WLG Offer?

WLG will offer college level courses through Kingsborough Community College, a CUNY institution. Credit-bearing courses will be offered and are available for youth who are on track to graduate. Alternate instruction will be offered to youth approaching HS graduation requirements. Academic instruction will be combined with DYCD Provider operated college & career exploration activities, and **paid** internships.

### When Does WLG Start?

The WLG program begins on October 23, 2023, and will continue until April 13, 2024.

### What Are the Eligibility Requirements for WLG?

#### General Requirements for both CareerReady WLG & Special Initiatives WLG:

- ✔ Between the ages of 16-21 as of October 23, 2023
- ✔ Enrolled in a public school
- ✔ A participant of the 2023 SYEP Program
- ✔ A resident of one of the five boroughs of New York City
- ✔ Legally allowed to work in the US

In addition to the general requirements listed above, in order to be eligible for **CareerReady WLG**, you must have participated in 2023 CareerReady SYEP and currently be enrolled in a WLG CareerReady partnered high school.

In addition to the general requirements listed above, in order to be eligible for **Special Initiatives WLG**, you must have participated in 2023 Special Initiatives SYEP and currently be enrolled in a high school or a high school equivalency program.

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### When Will the WLG Application Be Available?

Applications will be available on October 2, 2023.

### How Do I Apply to WLG?

If you are applying to **CareerReady WLG**, please visit this website to apply: <https://worklearngrow.yepsonline.org/> To receive a paper application for **CareerReady WLG**, you must contact the provider affiliated with your school.

If you are applying to **Special Initiatives WLG**, please see your WLG- SI Provider to submit an application. You can check out our WLG- Special Initiatives Provider list here: [worklearngrow.yepsonline.org/DocumentLibrary](https://worklearngrow.yepsonline.org/DocumentLibrary) under ‘WLG-Special Initiatives Provider List.’

### If Selected, How Can I Submit My Enrollment Documents?

You will have the option to submit your documents online, or in-person to your Provider.

### Which Documents Do I Need to Submit to Successfully Enroll In The Program?

Please check the application for a full list of required documents, which includes but is not limited to a proof of identity, proof of age, proof of address and authorization to work.

### Will I Need Internet Access to Participate in This Program?

Internet access is required to participate in WLG. Please inform your provider if you know you do not have an internet connected device, such as a smartphone, iPad, or computer.

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### How Much Will I Be Paid?

You will receive a stipend of up to \$810.00 based on your attendance and participation in the CUNY course and Career and College exploration activities component of WLG.

During the internship component, you will earn the New York State minimum wage. WLG Participants will work up to 12 hours per week, with an opportunity to work up to 20 hours per week during recess and regents week.

*The total earnings for this program will be up to \$3,946.00*

### How Will I Be Paid?

You will have an option to be paid through direct deposit or a payroll debit card. Please note: you will be paid **bi-weekly**.

### What Types of Jobs Are Available?

Jobs may be in-person, remote, or a hybrid of both. Examples of industry sectors that have hosted WLG participants are Educational Services, Hospitality, Information Technology, and Financial Services.

### What Types of CUNY Courses Are Offered Through WLG?

WLG will offer numerous CUNY courses through Kingsborough Community College:

**SD 10, SD 11, SD 12, HE 14** for credit, and **BA 6000** (non-credit course).

### What Are the Hour Requirements for Each Component of WLG?

- 1 CUNY Course: 15 Hours (Maximum)**
- 2 Provider-Led Activities: 41 Hours (Maximum)**
- 3 Internship: 194 Hours (Maximum)**