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For
Youth Career Awareness Initiatives & Events



**San Marcos
 Family STEM
 Event**



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 Architectural
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How to Receive Funds

If you are an Independent School District, Chamber of Commerce, or Economic Development Corporation, you are eligible to apply for funds.

1. Complete the attached one page application.
2. Sign a financial agreement based on information from your application. (See attached sample.)
3. After the event, submit invoice with receipts for reimbursements and the following information regarding the event.
 - number of student attendees;
 - number of parents;
 - number and list of employers/businesses/organizations participating in the event;
 - copy of fliers, handouts used during the event; and
 - brief summary of event.



Texas Workforce Commission Career Resources from LMCI



Rural Capital's Texas Internship Challenge Table

Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area (WSRCA) has funds from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) to support a variety of youth career events and initiatives from now until September 30, 2019.



Air Medical Helicopter

The size, target population and design of career event can vary. It does **not** have to be a traditional "career fair" for a high school.



Drone Booth

Here are some suggestions.....

- Target middle school students to prepare them to select courses for high school and determine their area of endorsement.
- Target only sophomores, only juniors and seniors, only seniors, and/or post-secondary youth.
- Be held on multiple days and target certain industry areas (or areas of endorsements) for smaller, targeted groups of students. Example: Manufacturing Day for CTE students.
- Include more than one ISD or community/technical college.
- Include workshops with presenters for soft skills training as well as community speakers.
- Organize a college tour that gives students an interactive, real-world college experience that inspires them to visualize a career goal and take the steps to achieve it.
- Use funds to pay for Geekbus, Trailblazer, or other mobile unit to promote interest in STEAM careers.



- Make the event family friendly to encourage parents and siblings to attend.

WSRCA will connect you to additional resources for youth career awareness and exploration such as:



Be sure to:

- Invite employers to participate in a relevant way to help students explore career opportunities in their industries.
- Encourage student exploration of career opportunities including understanding pathways to in-demand careers, networking, internships, and other applied learning opportunities.
- Invite parents whenever possible to attend with their children to discuss their special role in career exploration.
- Use the Careers in Texas Industries and WSRCA logos to acknowledge the funding sources.

Funds may be used for:

- Expenses associated with hosting the career fair such as facility fees, table rentals, AV equipment rental, wireless access, presenter fees, advertising for event, printing fees and student transportation.
- Refreshments for staff, employers, and exhibitors when documented that it is reasonable and necessary to prevent disruption of the event.
- Funds are **not** for reimbursement of staff time for planning, promotional items, or "giveaways".
- WSRCA requires receipts/invoices of the purchases in order to reimburse. Any purchase over \$3,000 requires a minimum of two bids.

**Invoices for reimbursement and event information and must be
submitted to WSRCA
by
October 15, 2019**