Town of Dumfries
Council Meeting

Meeting Date:	April 17, 2012
Agenda Item#	VIII - A

AGENDA ITEM FORM

TYPE OF AGENDA ITEM:
- ☐ CONSENT AGENDA
- **X** PRESENTATION
- ☐ ACTION ITEM
- ☐ TOWN MANAGER & STAFF COMMENTS
- ☐ PUBLIC HEARING
  - ☐ Duly Advertised

PURPOSE OF ITEM:
- **X** INFORMATION ONLY
- ☐ DISCUSSION ONLY
- ☐ DISCUSSION AND/OR DECISION
  - ☐ Introduction ☐ Resolution
  - ☐ Ordinance ☐ Grant/MOU
  - ☐ By Motion ☐ Bylaws
  - ☐ Certificate

PRESENTER: Cydny A. Neville **PRESENTER TITLE**: Director of Community Services

AGENDA ITEM:

Overview of the 2012 Summer Youth Employment Program

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY:

This presentation will cover details of the Town's upcoming Summer Youth Employment Program.

ATTACHMENTS:

2012 Summer Youth Employment Program Application

REQUESTED ACTION: ☐ NO ACTION REQUESTED

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: Name: Cydny A. Neville

Phone#: 703.221.3400 ext.144 E-mail: cneville@dumfriesva.gov

FOR USE DURING MEETING **VOTE:** ☐ PASSED ☐ NOT PASSED

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Town of Dumfries 2012 Summer Youth Employment Program

Program Overview

The Dumfries Summer Youth Employment Program will provide an opportunity for our area students to get an in-depth, hands-on experience on the internal workings of Town Hall, provide insight to the daily operations of local government and develop leadership skills through service based learning. The students will be exposed to all aspects of Town Hall operations by working in some of the Town's various departments to include Administration, Community Development, Planning & Zoning, Community Services, Economic Development & Marketing, and the Police Department. The Summer Youth Employment Program offers gainful summer employment for six weeks, in a positive, engaging atmosphere.

Participants will be paid an hourly wage of $8.00 an hour for a 15-hour work week. The workplace schedule will be three days a week, Monday-Friday, between the hours of 9am-3pm. (Exact hours will be determined after selection of program participants).

Eligibility Requirements

High School students who are 15 -18 years of age, who are residents of the incorporated Town of Dumfries, are eligible for employment without regard to social, economic, racial, or ethnic backgrounds. Students must have no history of serious criminal or other antisocial behavior that might endanger their safety or that of others; have or be able to obtain a work permit as required under the laws of Virginia; have a Social Security number or have completed an application to secure one; must not be a relative to any Town of Dumfries employee, Council member, or member of any Boards or Commissions; be willing and able to work scheduled duty hours and participate in all assigned tasks.

How to Apply

To apply, students meeting these qualifications should complete the Summer Youth Employment Program application form, submit the 500 word essay along with (2) reference forms and return it by **Friday, May 4, 2012.** Applications must be mailed to:

Town of Dumfries
Summer Youth Employment Program
Attn: Ms. Cydny A. Neville, MAEd
17755 Main Street
Dumfries, Virginia 22026

Applicants will be selected for the program via the staff selection committee and will be notified of selection by Wednesday, May 23, 2012.

Town of Dumfries Summer Youth Employment Program Application

Print or Type all answers. All questions and statements must be answered to determine applicant's eligibility and availability. *Incomplete applications will be rejected.* During the term of employment, you must be at least 15 years of age and not have reached age 19.

Name: (Last First Middle Initial)

_____

Mailing Address: (Street or P.O Box)

_____

_____

City State Zip Code

____ Female ____ Male

Email:_____

Date of Birth _____ /_____ /_____
Month Day Year

_____

Current Grade in School School Address

_____

School Guidance Counselor Name & Contact Information

_____

Emergency Contact Information Relationship to Student

_____-_____-_____ _____ - _____ - _____
Home Phone Cell Phone

_____-_____ - _____ _____
Work Phone Email Address

Applicant's Statement

I am familiar with the Town of Dumfries Summer Youth Employment Program and I am interested in working for the local government. If selected for the program, I will obtain a work permit if necessary. I have or am applying for a social security number. I am a permanent resident of the United States or its territories or possessions. I do not have a history of serious criminal or other antisocial behavior that might jeopardize my safety or that of others. I am not an immediate relative of any Town of Dumfries employee, Council member, or member of any Boards or Commissions. I understand that I will not be compensated for the hours I do not work. I agree to a criminal background check if required. I also agree to complete all assignments required of me, while in the Summer Employment Program; failure to do so, may result in my dismissal.

I certify that all information I have given is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Incorrect or false statements will constitute grounds for immediate dismissal.

_____

Signature of Applicant Date

Parental Consent

I am familiar with the Town's Summer Youth Employment Program and the applicant has my permission to participate.

_____

Signature of Parent or Guardian Date

_____

Printed Name of Parent or Guardian Contact Information

Essay Requirement

Each student applying for the Summer Youth Employment Program must submit their 500 word essay along with their completed application and 2 reference forms. In 500 words answer the question provided below. All essays must be typed and attached to the application.

Question: Careers in Town government include the areas of: Administration, Community Development, Planning & Zoning, Community Services, Public Works, Economic Development & Marketing, Information Technology, the Police Department and serving on the Council; in which area of Town government would you like to pursue a career? Why do you choose this career? What steps will you take to begin a career in your desired field?

***Release to Reprint Clause*: I grant the Town of Dumfries permission to reprint my essay submission in future Town of Dumfries promotional, marketing and tourism materials.**

_____ _____

Student Signature **Date**

(Be sure to attach your essay to your application)
(Attach separate sheet if necessary)

Eligibility and Application Checklist

___Area high school students age 15-18 years old
___Students must live within the incorporated boundaries of the Town
___Students must possess a minimum GPA of 3.0
___Students must provide 2 reference forms
___Students must provide a copy of their 3rd Quarter report card.
___Students must submit a 500 word essay to accompany their application
___Students must not be an immediate relative of any Town of Dumfries employee, Council member, or member of any Town Boards or Commissions.

Why should I participate?

The competitive nature of the college admissions process requires prospective students to present a well-rounded resume to include exposure to a variety of experiences and opportunities. The Summer Youth Employment Program will help provide students with valuable local government workplace experience and help them to develop leadership skills.

Work Hours:

Students will be considered part-time employees and work 15 hours per week, Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:00pm. Students will report directly to Ms. Cydny A. Neville, MAEd, Director of Community Services, who will supervise the overall program. The six-week program will run from Monday July 9th through Friday, August 17th.

Pay:

Students will earn a wage of $8.00 an hour.

What are my responsibilities?

Participants are responsible for:

*Conducting themselves in a professional manner, including maintaining cooperative relationships with Town staff, completing required tasks accurately and on time, supporting and following program rules, policies and procedures.

*Reporting to Town Hall as scheduled and on time.

*Working within the limits of their skills and training, handling duties and employment responsibilities by consulting the Director of Community Services in a timely manner.

*Dressing appropriately for the business workplace environment.

*Maintaining a daily log of hours worked.

*Cell phone usage and other electronic device usage will only be allowed during the daily lunch hour.

*Participants must attend one evening Council meeting during the 6-week program.

Town History

Dumfries history began as early as 1690 when Richard Gibson erected a gristmill on Quantico Creek. A customhouse and warehouse followed in 1731, and many others cropped up along the estuary by 1732. Prince William County was formed and took its name from Prince William Augustus, the second son of King George II of England.

The Town of Dumfries was formally established on 60 acres of land at the head of the harbor of Quantico Creek, provided by John Graham. He named the town after his birthplace, Dumfrieshire, Scotland.

After much political maneuvering, the General Assembly established Dumfries as the first of seven townships in the county. Dumfries received its charter on May 11, 1749 ~ making it the oldest continuously chartered town in Virginia.

When Dumfries became the second leading port in Colonial America receiving tobacco from the upland, it rivaled New York, Philadelphia and Boston. Dumfries peaked in size and importance in 1763. For about 15 years Dumfries was a thriving port when several factors brought about its demise: the Revolutionary War, erosion and siltation, and the shift in the main shipping commodity (from tobacco to wheat and sugar).

The Town of Dumfries is only 1.63 square miles in size and our 2009 estimated Census results states our population as 4,954.

Town Government

The Town Government is comprised of seven members who are elected to serve their community. The current Council members are as follows:

Mayor, Nancy H. West
Vice Mayor, Willie J. Toney
Council Lady Dorothea Barr
Councilman Gerald M. Foreman II
Council Lady Kristin W. Forrester
Council Lady Michele D. Jurgensen
Council Lady Gwen P. Washington

The Town Council meets twice a month to discuss relative issues impacting the community at large. These meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the Town Council Chambers. The meetings are televised and can be viewed online, or on Comcast Channel 2 or on Verizon Channel 35.

Town Staff

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Section I (to be completed by student applicant)

Name:_____
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

____Male ____Female

School Currently Attending:_____

I am applying for the Town of Dumfries Summer Youth Employment Program. Please complete the evaluation below and return the completed reference form to me in a sealed envelope.

Applicant's Signature:_____ Date:_____

Section II (to be completed by person providing reference)

Teacher or School Staff Member's Name:_____

Position:_____ School Name:_____

Work Phone:_____ Email:_____

How long have you known this student and in what capacity?

_____

In a few words please describe this student:_____
_____

Is the applicant honest & trustworthy? _____Yes _____No

Do you know of any circumstances or personal traits that would be cause for concern in employing the applicant for the Dumfries Summer Youth Employment Program? _____Yes ____No

If Yes, please exlain:_____
_____

Student's Current GPA:_____

Teacher or School Staff Signature:_____ Date:_____

Please put the completed reference form in an envelope, seal it, and sign across the seal and return to the student applicant. The applicant must submit the sealed reference forms, 500 word essay and completed application to the Town of Dumfries NLT: May 4, 2012.

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