Make Your Way in Manufacturing

A New Program for Youth ages 18 to 21

About the Program

MYWay has two essential and important objectives:

- to address unemployment among young adults in DuPage County by guiding them into good careers, and
- to provide a pipeline of fresh talent for manufacturing in DuPage County.

Why Manufacturing?

Contrary to popular belief, manufacturing is not dead – there are good jobs in manufacturing. However, a career in manufacturing does require interest in technology, and technical and/or mechanical aptitude.

Did You Know?

- 1. Overall, manufacturing jobs pay 16% more than non-manufacturing jobs.
- 2. Manufacturing allows you to work with your hands, and with your head.
- 3. It is estimated that there are 3,468 manufacturing companies in DuPage County.
- **4.** As older workers retire, manufacturers are eager to hire a new generation with the right attitude, and then train them on the job.
- **5.** Manufacturing offers great opportunities for continued career growth.

What Participants Get from the Program

- Four weeks of <u>paid</u> career exploration and workplace readiness training.
- Tours of actual manufacturing facilities where they can see manufacturing in action, and the cutting-edge technologies involved.
- An industry-recognized OSHA safety certification, which makes them more valuable as a job candidate.
- A six-week **paid internship** at a manufacturing company in DuPage County.
- By the time they "graduate" from the program, they can earn up to \$3,260 in 10 weeks!

To Learn More about the Make Your Way program, please contact Courtney Rowden, Career Counselor, at (630) 955-2070 -or- crowden@worknetdupage.org



