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**DOL ANNOUNCES THE START OF THE
2018 SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING PROGRAM**

Commissioner of Labor Catherine A. Hendry, Esq., is pleased to announce that the department has begun accepting and processing Summer Youth Employment applications for the 2018 Summer Youth Work Experience and Training Program. All “In and Out of School” Youth between the ages of 14 to 25 are invited to register for the approximate five hundred and seventy (570) available slots; 14 & 15 year old youth are eligible for the Career Exploration program. Applications are available from department’s website at <http://vidol.gov/> under the Forms tab and can be submitted electronically to sttjswep@vidol.gov (St. Thomas/St. John district) and stxswep@vidol.gov (St. Croix district). They can also be picked up at any of the Department of Labor office locations and the St. John Administrator’s Office. A Summer Employment Fact Sheet, providing additional information for participants and parents, is available online. This summer, priority will be applied to individuals who submit complete applications accompanied with supporting documents, and:

- a) have not previously participated in a work experience;**
- b) are high School Juniors and Seniors;**
- c) are Out-of-School/Unemployed & Dislocated Youth.**

Youths, under age of 18, should be accompanied by a parent/guardian to sign authorization for participation in the program. All selected applicants must provide a) proof of their educational and legal residency status; b) proof of enrollment in college, high school; c) evidence of a social security card; d) Photo ID; e) copy of a resume if available, and f) proof of income. While applications continue to be received throughout the year for other programs and activities, youth are strongly encouraged to submit their applications for summer experiences by **May 4, 2018**. If you have any questions regarding this information please email us at hireayouth@vidol.gov or contact Shenika Sebastien on St. Thomas at (340)776-3700 ext. 2080 or Amelia Christian on St. Croix at (340-773-1994 x 2140.

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