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APPLY FOR WEST-MEC PROJECT SEARCH

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- Eligible interns include individuals with a disability that is a barrier to employment. Applicants who graduated with a GED, modified diploma, Certificate of Attendance, or Certificate of Completion must be at least 22 years old. Individuals under 22 must have graduated with a standard diploma.
- Applications are open mid-October through July for the next cohort year.
- Visit west-mec.edu after mid-October to complete the Project SEARCH application https://www.west-mec.edu/apply-now/project-search
- All applicants who complete the application prior to the first week of March will receive an interview.
- Interviews are held in January, February, and March, each year to support increased opportunities for intern acceptance.
- Applicants are considered on multiple criteria and may be placed at any of the program sites based on applicant strengths.

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- Once the program fills, applicants will be placed on a waitlist. West-MEC Project SEARCH staff will continue to call interns on the waitlist to fill available seats through the first week of class.

- Accepted interns and their families are required to attend mandatory meetings in late spring and July. Meetings will address the transportation process for families, Vocational Rehabilitation supports, summer expectations, and program expectations.

- Tuition is required for interns to attend the program. Interns that qualify for Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) may qualify for tuition assistance through VR.

- Transportation to and from the program is the responsibility of the intern/family. Transportation assistance may be available from VR.

- Visit **https://www.west-mec.edu/project-search** for additional resources and information.