

What we offer:

- Provide financial support for students desiring to earn a **GED** or obtain an **approved vocational certificate**.
- Mentoring to help meet student needs
- Instruction on effective job seeking skills
- Career counseling
- Guidance when applying for college and financial aid
- Provide job shadowing opportunities with local businesses



How to Qualify:

Panther Youth Partners is a federally funded program and has set guidelines for eligibility. You must be between the ages 16 - 24. Income is the primary eligibility factor.

To calculate your income to determine eligibility:

- If you are between the ages 18 24 and claim yourself on income tax and don't make more than \$11,880, you meet the income qualifications.
- If you are between the ages 16 24 and are living with your parents and they claim you on their tax return, count the number of related family members living in your household and find on the chart provided. If the total income is less than the corresponding annual income given, you meet income qualifications.
- **3.** If you live with a family and you are recorded on the food stamp verification, you automatically meet income qualifications.
- 4. Please check if this applies to you or your family:

	Food Stamps	Disability Income
5.	Is your goal to earn your (GED or vocational training
		eted? uth Partners?
Phone: _		AGE
Best tim	e to contact you:	



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Panther Youth Partners Self-Assessment

Name: _____ Need's Assessment: What are your future career goals? (Be specific) Describe a challenge(s) that you now have or have had in the past that may prevent you from reaching your goals. List three things that will help you reach your goal. 1_____ 2_____ 3 How will our program help you?

In what way will the stipend (\$) help you?

Documents Needed

The following documents are required for enrollment: (Bring checked items with you when you meet with your Program Specialist)

• Proof of Citizenship (participant)

• Birth Certificate or resident alien card for applicant

• Proof of residency for person applying to PYP (participant)

- Any mail addressed to applicant (must be physical address not a P.O. Box)
- School record indicating address
- Driver's License or Florida ID

• Signed Social Security Card (participant)

• SS#'s for any family member of household over age 16 (if household income is required for eligibility)

• **Proof of Income: (Participant or parent/guardian/spouse)**

- Food Stamp letter
- o TANF letter
- Most current Paystub(s) for salary earned in past 6 months
- Child Support
- Alimony
- Unemployment
- o SSI/SSDI letter
- o Self-Attestation is acceptable for participants without diplomas
- Applicant Children:
 - o Birth Certificate
- Applicant Marriage License (participant)
- Proof of GED or High School Diploma (provide copy)
- Recent TABE (within 6 months)
- Other _____