

NextGen



Fulfilling careers are in your future!

NextGen is a gateway to education, job training, and employment, for 17-24 year olds. NextGen will help you plan, prepare, and launch a career in a high demand field. We have advisors and coaches to help you along the way, with:

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| Career Planning | Paid Internships | Interview Practice | Career Coaching |
| Occupational Training | Financial Education | Soft Skills Workshops | Tutoring |
| Resume Building | Job Placement Assistance | Scholarship Opportunities | Mentorships |

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Keep reading to see how NextGen works, and how it can work for you!

Career Exploration

Through a series of classes, get a sense of which specialized career path speaks to you. Explore one or several tracks before you start Career Bridges.

Work Readiness

Getting a job is one thing. Keeping it is the critical next step. The skills to do so are as important as the technical skills needed to perform in the workplace.

Mentorship

Participants will have opportunities to be placed with a mentor, who will provide guidance and insight from various work sectors, in line with your ambitions and interests.

Support Services

Home Forward will work with you to ensure your success and ability to thrive in NextGen. We can help with class fees, books, tutoring, transportation, and more!

Career Bridges

With NextGen, all participants gain professional work experience in four in-demand fields:

Construction

11 week* pre-apprenticeship training with paid stipend, college credit, and real worksite experience. From small, family-owned companies to large corporations and government employers, there are hundreds of job categories in this industry.

Healthcare

8 week* preparation for entry to the healthcare field, acquiring professional certifications, and assistance with job placement. Healthcare workers are in high demand, with hundreds of well-paid positions to choose from; many don't require a college degree.

Technology

8 week* classroom training on tech curriculum geared toward industry certifications and job placement. As the world becomes more and more dependent on technology, the industry continues to change and grow.

Manufacturing

7 week* training for entry-level manufacturing jobs. Plants and factories need more than just line workers. From office staff to mechanics, and designers to fabricators, jobs in manufacturing might be unexpected and exciting!

*The length of Career Bridges is subject to change.

21st Century Skills

NextGen offers fun group workshops on proven major strengths and skills that will help you succeed in school, career, and well into the future:

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| ★Adaptability | ★Analysis / Solution Mindset | ★Collaboration | ★Empathy |
| ★Communication | ★Self-awareness | ★Digital Fluency | ★Resilience |
| | ★Entrepreneurial Mindset | ★Social / Diversity Awareness | |

Education

A high school-level education improves your chances of getting hired, and increases your earning potential. GED or high school equivalency also offers you the benefit of more opportunities to continue your education. With employers seeking higher educational requirements, college is increasingly advantageous. NextGen can help you find courses related to your career interests, get relevant certifications, and even earn degrees! All of these educational pathways show employers your commitment to ongoing development, and **make you marketable**.

Eligibility and How to Participate

- 1) If you are a currently enrolled student, you must be age 17-21. If you're not in school, you must be age 17-24.
- 2) You must live in Home Forward housing or be a Section 8 participant.
- 3) The quickest way to find out if you are eligible, about all information, and upcoming orientation sessions, is to call the NextGen Coordinator and talk.

NextGen Youth Employment Services Coordinator

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We can't wait to work with you!