



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

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Career Exploration

Work with your career coach to explore careers and create an individualized long term career plan that will help you to build skills and reach your career and life goals.

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 Pathways

With NextGen, participants have the opportunity to gain professional work experience in four in-demand fields:

Construction - From small, family-owned companies to large corporations and government employers, there are hundreds of job categories in this industry.

Healthcare - Healthcare workers are in high demand, with hundreds of well-paid positions to choose from; many don't require a college degree.

Technology - As the world becomes more and more dependent on technology, the industry continues to change and grow.

Manufacturing - From office staff to mechanics, and designers to fabricators, jobs in manufacturing might be unexpected and exciting!

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:

- ★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

- 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.
- You must live in Home Forward housing or be a Section 8 participant.

The quickest way to find out if you are eligible, about all information, and upcoming orientation sessions, is to call or text the NextGen Coordinator and talk:

NextGen Youth Employment Services Coordinator

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You can also learn more and talk about the program at the NextGen Info Drop-in Hours on Zoom every Wednesday from 1pm - 3pm:

[Zoom Link to Drop-In Hours open every Wednesday 1pm-3pm:](#)

<https://homeforward.zoom.us/j/7224476420>

We can't wait to work with you!

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