



Each year more than 20,000 young people will age out of foster care. Of them:

- Only 54% will receive their high school diploma.
- Less than 2% will go on to receive a college degree.
- Nearly a quarter of them will end up homeless, in prison or addicted to drugs.

Wish To Work aims to create brighter futures.

What is Wish To Work?

One Simple Wish's Wish To Work program offers foster children ages 16-22 who are aging out or that have already aged out of the foster care system, an opportunity to prepare for and obtain professional employment that can aid them in becoming self-sustaining, successful adults.

Wish To Work offers participants an opportunity to attend job training seminars & networking events, to obtain hands-on job experience and to receive skills training through four medley internships. Each participant gets to select the industries they are interested in pursuing a career in and One Simple Wish will place them there for two weeks each. After completing 4 two-week internships (10 hours per week), the participant will receive \$1,000. One Simple Wish also covers most travel expenses.

Who can participate?

Any foster child age 16-22 who has aged out of foster care or who may age out of foster care.

What types of skills training does Wish To Work provide?

Interviewing Skills
Public Speaking
Etiquette
Conflict Resolution
Resume Writing
Community Service
Marketing & Public Relations
Appropriate & Effective Use of Social Media



What is the cost to participate in the program?

The program is currently offered at no cost to participants.

How do I apply or refer a young adult?

To make a referral to Wish to Work or to obtain an application, contact cynthia@onesimplewish.org.

The program offers a flexible schedule. All internships are held in and around Mercer County.