

Fellow Ghanaians,
Please check this out!

Put Illinois to Work program is an initiative of Governor Pat Quinn to create jobs throughout Illinois and provide employment experience to those hardest hit by this recession. **Put Illinois to Work** is funded by the State of Illinois and federal funding made available in the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Emergency Contingency Fund created by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Through **Put Illinois to Work**, unemployed and underemployed Illinois residents can be placed into subsidized employment positions for up to six months. Under the subsidized employment model, the wages of the participant are provided by state/federal funding, and the employer must provide supervision and training of the participant for the duration of the placement.

The funding expires on September 30, 2010. Therefore all subsidized employment placements must end by that date.

Put Illinois to Work is a paid work experience where worker-trainees receive subsidized wages and work experience.

Who is Eligible?

Individuals interested in participating in Put Illinois to Work must fit into the following criteria:

- Worker-trainees must be legally present in the United States and authorized to work.
- Worker-trainees must be a parent (custodial or non-custodial) of a minor child, and under 200% of the federal poverty level.
- Worker-trainees 18-21 are not required to have a minor child, but must be part of a household with income under 200% of the federal poverty level, and living with a parent or caretaker relative.

Federal Poverty Level

Family Size Maximum Monthly Income

1	\$1,805
2	\$2,428
3	\$3,052
4	\$3,675
5	\$4,298
6	\$4,922
7	\$5,545

- Income from Put Illinois to Work may be countable for SNAP, TANF, Medical Assistance, and Unemployment Insurance benefits. Participants receiving income from any of these sources must report this income to their caseworker.
- Individuals hired into Put Illinois to Work may not be related by blood or marriage to the Employer.
- Worker-trainees must agree to work a minimum of 30 hours per week.
- Put Illinois to Work is a work-relief program, therefore participants will likely not be eligible for unemployment benefits at the conclusion of the program.
- Individuals participating in Put Illinois to Work must be residents of Illinois.

Put Illinois to Work is not intended to subsidize an Employer's current workforce. If any Put Illinois to Work applicant was laid-off on or after March 15, 2010, he or she may not be employed by the same Employer.

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