

# APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Education/Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Position held (Check which boxes apply):

Educator (If you checked this box, indicate what grade and course) \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor for \_\_\_ Elementary \_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_ High School

Other (If you checked this box, please elaborate) \_\_\_\_\_

List any professional development, awards, research or other information you would like us to consider.

Please indicate specific interest within your field that may be applicable to this externship experience.

Why are you interested in participating in this program and what are your expectations if you are selected to participate?

If selected for this program, how do you foresee using knowledge gained with students?

An interactive experience to provide teachers and counselors with the tools to engage students in Missouri careers

# SHOW-ME CAREERS EDUCATOR EXPERIENCE

## June 3-7, 2019



Show-Me Careers is a five-day career professional development boot camp for educators/counselors in St. Louis school districts. The program provides a unique, hands-on learning experience at local employers. Through these experiences, educators gain a more robust understanding of the technical skills, behaviors and mindsets students need to be successful in today's professional environments. The program is conducted in partnership with the St. Louis Regional Business Council, STEMpact, The Boeing Company and the Missouri Chamber Foundation.



### Goals and objectives:

The objective of Show-Me Careers is to expose St. Louis-area students to good career opportunities by bringing influential middle school and high school educators and counselors into advanced manufacturing, technology, health care and other targeted job sites where shortages can be identified. The initiative assists educators in producing lesson plans that can be presented to students following the tour. By providing this experience to educators and counselors each year, the Missouri Chamber Foundation aims to reach more than 5,000 students annually with new career opportunities that will help narrow the skills gap, especially in urban St. Louis school districts.



### Methodology:

The program consists of tours and training to familiarize educators with opportunities local employers provide and the academic pathways to achieve these opportunities. Tours range from bio-tech manufacturing firms to advanced manufacturing operations to health care facilities. A \$400 stipend will be provided for educators/counselors who participate in the program. The Missouri Chamber Foundation will also work toward qualifying this experience for continuing learning credits. The Missouri Chamber Foundation will be conducting pre- and post-program surveys to measure the effectiveness of the program. Utilizing our strong partnership with local St. Louis community colleges, the Missouri Chamber Foundation will also work to track increases in enrollment from targeted school districts.

### Outcomes:



- By the conclusion of the year, educators/counselors will have participated in the five-day career professional development and created lesson plans that will be presented to more than 5,000 students in the upcoming school year.
- There will be an increase in the awareness and interest in targeted, middle-skills jobs.
- There will be improved relations and communication between educators and local employers.
- Unfilled jobs will decrease.

“By providing educators and counselors with a better understanding of these careers, of the shortages that exist, and of the skills necessary for students to qualify for them, Show-Me Careers will help shrink the skills gap and provide promising pathways for hundreds of individuals looking for employment.”

Kathy Osborn, President & CEO  
St. Louis Regional Business Council

“For the high schools to partner with businesses and to come in to see what we do, and create curriculum around what we do as an organization, is so much more meaningful than just trying to teach something that’s abstract. So, once they learn what we really do, it’s easier for them to incorporate that into their classroom education for their students.”

Terri Hart  
Workforce Diversity Manager, Human Resources  
BJC Health Care



“It’s just making those real-world connections to the classroom that much more relevant. When a student asks you, ‘Why do I have to learn this?’ having the ability to answer, ‘They use this at Pfizer for this reason, and this is actually a career in bio-tech that you can look into,’ it directly translates to the student’s ability to understand the content. Show Me Careers was the best professional development that I have ever gone through for my students.”

2018 Cohort Alumni Rob Lamb  
Science Educator  
Pattonville High School

### Business & Education Partners

- Spire
- BJC Health Care
- The Boeing Company
- World Wide Technology
- Missouri American Water
- Pfizer Koller Enterprise, Inc.
- St. Louis Community College
- Missouri Dept. of Elementary & Secondary Education