Eligible interns include graduating seniors and individuals 18-28 years of age with a disability that presents a barrier to employment.

Applications are open October 1- July 31 for the next cohort year.

Visit west-mec.edu after October 1st to complete the Project SEARCH application [https://www.west-mec.edu/domain/104](https://www.west-mec.edu/domain/104)

All applicants who complete the application prior to March 15th will receive an interview.

Interviews are held in November, March, and June each year to support increased opportunities for intern acceptance.

Applicants are considered on multiple criteria and may be placed at any of the program sites based on applicant strengths.
Once the program fills, applicants will be placed on a waitlist. West-MEC Project SEARCH staff will continue to call interns on the waitlist to fill available seats through the first week of class.

Accepted interns and their families are required to attend mandatory meetings in May and July. Meetings will address the transportation process for families, Vocational Rehabilitation supports, summer expectations, and program expectations.

Tuition is required for interns to attend the program. Interns that qualify for Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) may qualify for tuition assistance through VR.

Transportation to and from the program is the responsibility of the intern/family. Transportation assistance may be available from VR.

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