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Greater Akron Chamber Receives Grant to Support  
Technical Internships at Area Companies

The Greater Akron Chamber expects to assist at least 30 area companies in hiring college interns or co-op students majoring in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM). Companies and students are being recruited this fall and will start in January 2010 and work through May. Priority is given to companies that have not used interns before, or recently laid-off interns, and that are located in Summit, Portage and Medina Counties. Employers will be reimbursed for a portion of the student's wages paid through federal grant funds received by the Greater Akron Chamber.

The program provides employers with assistance so that students can engage in on-the-job training experiences with area companies. Employers benefit by having qualified college students contribute to solving problems and working on specific projects requiring their academic knowledge. It enables businesses to train their future workforce and eventually hire interns into the respective firms as full-time employees after the student graduates.

Employers are encouraged to apply by contacting Diane Euchenhofer at (330) 237-1244 or [euchenhofer@greaterakronchamber.org](mailto:euchenhofer@greaterakronchamber.org) by Friday, September 25, 2009.

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