

APPLICATION FORM

All applications must include the following information. Separate applications must be submitted for each eligible program. **Deadline: June 1, 2018.** Please include this application form with electronic entry. If you do not receive an email confirming receipt of your entry within 3 days of submission, please contact [Gage Harter](#).

PROGRAM INFORMATION

County: _____

Program Title: _____

Program Category: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Telephone: _____ Website: _____

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SIGNATURE OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OR DEPUTY/ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

New Pathways LLC

Culpeper County

Sue Hansohn, Culpeper County Catalpa District Supervisor, saw that we had a strong need for workforce development in our community. Our local businesses expressed the lack of trained and certified employees from which to select to hire for technical positions. Our high school students paths consisted of graduating and either going to college or trying to gain employment in the local community.

“If we get this started and it works...it will be something that we are doing as a county looking to the future,” said Hansohn, “

Sue began meeting with local companies, various government departments, the community schools, Germanna Community College, the Virginia Cooperative Extension, The Piedmont Workforce Development, various nonprofits, and others to work collectively with the goal of providing alternative professional paths for those who don't want college degrees or who have been in the workforce and are in need of training for current relevant careers. Through her initiative they created New Pathways Tech, a nonprofit organization of which Sue is the board President. The idea behind New Pathways Tech, is restoring the opportunity for hands-on learning through the teaching of basic machine shop skills applicable in all trades.

The group worked tirelessly under Sue's leadership developing relationships, pulling together equipment donations, successfully applying for grant funding through Go Virginia and has much to show for all of their hard work. After nearly two years of planning, the New Pathways Tech machinist training school had its grand opening in May in a renovated building behind the George Washington Carver center on U.S. 15 near Rapidan. The school will be offering classes certified by the National Institute for Metalworking Skills. Students can eventually enroll in an 8,800 hour-four year program to become

certified machinists, if they have the talent and drive, but the basic courses offered at the facility can set them on that path and help them secure employment while they train. The machinist school offers the latest in technology, including a \$400,000 CMX1100 mill center donated by the international company DMG MORI. Other businesses investing equipment in the venture include Morris South Inc. Machine Tool Distributor and Rigid Kollman, which operates a plant in Orange County. Precision Machine Works furnished the school with a clausung engine lathe, a vertical manual milling machine and a manual lathe. Dominion Air & Machinery provided several types of mills and lathes. The full-time instructor will come through the Department of Human Services as part of a memorandum of agreement between the groups. DHS invested \$50,000 in start-up funds for the first year of operation and plans to provide additional classroom space for assessments, testing and basic math and reading preparatory classes. Germanna Community College will also back the program, providing support, marketing and assistance with employment and certifications.

The program will be housed in the historic, former George Washington Carver Regional High School. The school, located in Culpeper, Virginia, was constructed in 1948 and various out buildings have been added to the property since that time. Once it closed, Culpeper has used the school's campus to house a variety of community organizations but nothing long standing. The county had contemplated tearing it down due to the cost of maintaining the property, but though New Pathways and the partnerships they developed, the building has been renovated and restored and will house the multifaceted school.

“Seeing the region come together in support of the George Washington Carver Piedmont Technical Education Center has been inspiring,” said Laura Loveday, Culpeper County, Special Projects and Grants Administrator.

Through Sue's vision, leadership and development of partnerships throughout the region and the state we have a program that will encourage workforce development both locally and nationwide.