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## Apply Now For Bridge To Crafts Careers Preservation Training Program From Harlem To Highland

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Each spring, the Woodlawn Bridges to Crafts Careers Preservation Training Program selects 20 interns to receive specialized hands-on training in masonry and restoration under the guidance of a Resident Craftsman. The program is a paid nine-week career training and job placement workforce development program that focuses exclusively on the restoration and preservation of stone typically found in historic cemeteries. Program graduates will earn an OSHA-10 Safety certification, Suspended and Support [Scaffolding](#) certifications, Jahn Mortar certification, and support applying to entry-level positions in the industry.

Eligibility requirements are: New Yorkers ages 18 to 24 in March 2020; resident of the five boroughs of New York City; have a High School Diploma or GED/Equivalency Diploma and authorized to work in the United States.

**The application deadline** is Friday, January 31, 2020 at 12:00 pm. Program runs from March 16, 2020 to May 22, 2020.

Learn more about the program at [www.WoodlawnPreservation.org](http://www.WoodlawnPreservation.org)

In 2015, the Woodlawn Conservancy, in partnership with the International Masonry Institute of the Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 1 union, established the Preservation Training Program, an initiative sponsored by World Monuments Fund, called the Bridge to Crafts Careers. **The goal** of the program is to introduce young people to opportunities in the field of masonry preservation and to provide the support they need to sustain jobs and improve their skills enabling them to restore the buildings of New York City. So far, 83 young adults participated in the program.

This unique program is immersive training that also provides specialized life skills as well as OSHA certifications. The social services component is contributed by The Door, a youth development agency with wrap-around services, who is involved in the recruitment and weekly training, along with helping the interns with interview techniques, resume writing and communication skills with their employers. Graduates are making a positive economic impact by acquiring a sustainable career. The monuments and mausoleum at Woodlawn are the training lab where they learn their skills under the close supervision of a retired Masonry Resident Craftsman.

The Woodlawn Conservancy provides educational programs for students and the public, engaging a strong volunteer corps and working to present the extraordinary collection of monuments and plantings found on the 400-acre site of The Woodlawn Cemetery. This mission is accomplished through the support of individuals and organizations who desire to preserve Woodlawn's beauty and history for the enjoyment of [future generations](#). The Woodlawn Conservancy is enhancing its community and investing in the future by preserving the past. Founded in 1863 in the Bronx, The Woodlawn Cemetery, still, an active cemetery with new ongoing development is one of the largest cemeteries in New York City and is designated a National Historic Landmark. For more information, please visit [www.Woodlawn.org](http://www.Woodlawn.org)

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