



# Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs): 14-15 Years Old

#### WHAT WILL I BE DOING THIS SUMMER?

As a 14-15 year old youth you will participate in a paid project-based learning experience that will provide enriching career exploration, emphasize work- readiness, help foster leadership and develop numerous skills. Activities will take place for 15 hours a week for six weeks in July and August and participants will receive up to a \$700 stipend based on their attendance and participation.

#### **HOW DO I QUALIFY FOR SYEP?**

#### You must be:

- 14-15 years old as of July 6th, 2020
- · reside within the five boroughs of New York City

#### **HOW CAN I APPLY TO SYEP?**

To apply to the program you can do one of the following:

- Visit our website www.nyc.gov/dycd and follow the links to fill out the application online or download a paper copy
- Paper applications can also be obtained from one of the community based organizations or Providers operating the program. A
  complete list of authorized SYEP providers can be found on the DYCD website (www.nyc.gov./dycd)
- Complete paper applications must be submitted before the application deadline to the Provider of your choice
- · Youth may also be recruited for specialized programming directly by SYEP providers
- DYCD cannot mail applications to you, nor do we accept applications by mail

# WHAT IS THE SYEP APPLICATION DEADLINE?

The deadline to submit a complete SYEP application is April 10th, 2020.

# **HOW ARE YOUTH SELECTED TO THE PROGRAM?**

Youth can be selected to the program via two options, through a lottery or direct recruitment by an SYEP provider to specialized programming.

DYCD will conduct a <u>lottery</u> to select participants to the program. There will be more than one lottery to ensure that all seats in the program are filled. If you are selected by the lottery you will be contacted via the email address and/or phone number you provide in your application. You can check the status of your application by visiting the DYCD website (www.nyc.gov/dycd)

# **HOW LONG IS SYEP?**

SYEP is 15 hours a week for six weeks from July 6 to August 15

#### **HOW WILL I BE PAID?**

Participants can earn up to \$700 stipend that will be paid weekly based on youth attendance and participation.

Participants are paid with a debit card or with Direct Deposit to a bank account of their choice.

### DO I HAVE TO PAY ANY FEES TO APPLY FOR SYEP?

No. DYCD does not require a fee for applying to SYEP and no one is allowed to charge a fee for participation or application entry.

During the summer, you will be responsible for your own transportation to and from work as well as your own meals. These are the only out-of-pocket costs that you should incur while working for SYEP.





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# CAN I SUBMIT MORE THAN ONE SYEP APPLICATION? DOES IT INCREASE MY CHANCES TO BE SELECTED?

No, only the first application submitted will be accepted. Submitting multiple applications may prevent you from consideration in the job.

### WHAT DOCUMENTS DO I NEED TO PARTICIPATE?

Check the application for a list of required documents including but not limited to a picture ID, proof of age and address. Youth aged 14 – 15 years old do not need working papers.

# **CAN I ATTEND SUMMER SCHOOL AND PARTICIPATE IN SYEP?**

It will depend on your school schedule and whether it can accommodate both your work placement schedule and school.