

Job Opportunities in the MSYEP

The Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program partners with over 125 community and government agencies to provide a wide variety of first or early work experiences for Cambridge teens. When you fill-out your application, you will be asked to rank the types of work you're interested in. Below, find brief descriptions of the types of work available, as well as some descriptions of specialized programs that teens can choose to participate in this summer.

Work with Senior Citizens—Responsibilities might include: leading or participating in games or physical fitness activities with seniors, serving snacks or meals, answering questions or providing basic assistance to seniors in a supported setting.

Environmental Projects—Responsibilities might include: working as an individual or as part of a team, working indoors and outdoors, doing research, collecting data or specimens from nature, making phone calls or visits to local businesses, writing.

Community Action Projects—You will work with a group of other teens (and a supportive adult) on a project or projects, usually with a focused theme. Descriptions of some of this year's specific community action projects can be found at www.cambridgema.gov/dhsp/msyep.

Arts/Theater/Music—Both visual and performing arts programs are available, including photography, dance, acting, theater technical support, set design, lyric writing, musical performance, music production and graphic design. Responsibilities might include: producing art, theater or dance; participating in a performance; or teaching others.

Office or Library Work—Responsibilities might include: filing, shredding, photocopying, scanning, organizing, collating, cleaning, putting together mailings, running errands, making or answering phone calls, interacting with clients. Almost exclusively indoor, individual work in quiet environments.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)—Responsibilities might include learning and utilizing new computer skills including coding, or doing office work or community action projects in a scientific or technical setting or applying scientific or mathematical theories to solve problems.

Media and Web Production—Responsibilities might include: writing, storytelling, filming, editing, acting, graphic design, photography, basic web design, work-related social networking.

Working with Children in Daycare or Preschool Programs—Responsibilities might include: leading games or activities with the children, modeling behaviors for the children, serving snacks or meals, cleaning, organizing, interacting with parents and teachers, going on short field trips to local parks, going in sprinklers or wading pools, all with children under age 5. **Please note: due to state regulations, 14 year-olds cannot be assigned to work in daycare or preschool programs.**

Working with Children in Summer Camps—Responsibilities might include: leading games or activities with children, modeling behaviors for children, serving snacks or meals, cleaning, organizing, interacting with parents and teachers, going on trips which may require going in the water at beaches or pools, participating in sports and physical activities with children ages 4-13.

Landscaping and Maintenance—Responsibilities might include: cleaning, organizing, lifting and moving furniture, using light tools, painting, raking, sweeping, mopping. Frequently working outdoors.

Specialized Worksites

Rise Up—Rise Up offers an exciting opportunity for students entering Cambridge Rindge and Latin School as 9th graders this fall to get a head start on their high school career! Rise Up combines academics, physical fitness, career exploration and community service learning to help prepare teens for their next step. Interested students must register with both Rise Up (through Cambridge Public Schools) and MSYEP.

Public Art Youth Council—Be an ambassador for art! Do you think it's important in our community? The unique voice of Cambridge youth is heard throughout the Public Art Program, creating a dynamic partnership that encourages youth to take a role in shaping our city. with the new and existing public art throughout the city. Investigate, reimagine and reinvent a space by seeing a public art project through from start to finish!

Boys II Men—The Boys II Men project is a leadership and empowerment group that will allow young men to learn while working and having fun. Apprentices will work together to analyze media, cook healthy meals, design workshops and create personal, professional portfolios that can be used for applying to colleges and jobs.

Community Art Center Teen Media Project—Make music! Produce a video addressing an issue important to your community! Address issues in our neighborhood through an interactive public art project! These three different tracks allow teens to find the best way to stretch their creative muscles this summer.

Beyond the 4th Wall—Do you like to act, sing and dance? Are you interested in art or design? Do you like to be creative while meeting new people? Come join us for our summer program where you can be a part of a huge, Broadway-style show! Whether you are a performer in our musical or a member of our crew, you will be absolutely essential to the Beyond the 4th Wall team.

Team GreenSense—Are you looking for a great way to make money, learn about the environment and help your community this summer? Help Cambridge further its green efforts and prove that one person CAN make a difference. We are looking for energetic, positive curious team-players to join our GreenSense team! Learn about local green programs, participate in service projects, and develop an outreach plan to inform the public about this topic. Sponsored by Cambridge Public Works.

Cambridge Youth Police Academy—Wonder what it's like to be a police officer? Do you want to help make the community safer? Work at the Cambridge Youth Police Academy and you can. You will learn about the role and function of the police in Cambridge and get hands-on, tactical training similar to that of real police officers. You will also learn about and meet other professionals working in state and federal law enforcement, public safety and criminal justice!

Girls Taking Action—Do you want to make your community better for women and girls? Do you want to learn how to take action on issues that matter to you? Girls Taking Action is about equality, social change and helping others. Help make our community a better place for all women and girls with your voice, talents, and actions. Let's make the path together for other girls! "Because of them, we can and because of us, so can they!"

Leaders in Action—Are you big on social media? Come join Leaders in Action at Frisoli Youth Center and use your skills to advocate and take action through social media networks. You will develop mind-blowing marketing strategies and get firsthand experience in event-planning techniques.

My City My Voice—Calling all aspiring storytellers! Creatives! Poets! Lyricists! And anyone with a voice...My City My Voice wants to hear YOUR story and share it with the world. Join us and get paid for six weeks of creative sessions with exceptional individuals as we embark on a journey through time.

Summer Ecology Camp at Alewife Reservation—The Summer Ecology Camp at Alewife Reservation is a rare opportunity for teens to spend their summer outside in nature enjoying streams and woodlands while learning, observing and working on local conservation. Learn about the amazing biodiversity right here in Cambridge and do your part to protect it!

Just-A-Start—We are looking for hard-working youth who want to learn a lot while having a fun work experience. We get a lot of work done, and enjoy ourselves while doing it. Learn how to handle your money; explore possibilities for your future career; learn landscaping, painting and basic job skills while helping to improve your neighborhood. There are field trips, prizes and games for those that do their jobs well! Come join us!

Cambridge Community Television—Apply to work as a Media Artist during CCTV's popular Summer Media Institute. Learn to use media to tell stories about yourself, your life, or your community. No prior media or video experience is required, but you must be interested in learning how to use cameras and computers to make videos about things that matter to you.

Youth Action Corps of Transition House—Do you want to do something to change teen and family relationships in Cambridge for the better? Plan workshops, hosts great activities, design new social media messages, connect with elected officials and create a way for teens to have a clear voice in preventing teen dating violence and domestic violence in our community! Join Youth Action Corps!

Youth Underground—Become an ensemble member of Youth Underground this summer at Central Square Theater! Members receive training in acting, playmaking and public speaking. Through a series of investigative theater techniques, you'll conduct interviews and use what you learn to create a new, original play, and you'll get to perform a staged reading of the play and talkback session for the community on Central Square Theater's main stage!

MetaMovements—Are you an artist, but unsure how to turn that into a career? Do you want to engage your community, but don't know where to start? Our Arts Ambassadors for Health and Social Change program is looking for young, passionate leaders interested in community empowerment and the arts. We help artists learn how to WORK using dance, theater and the media arts to empower their communities! Ambassadors will build their public health knowledge and develop skills in social marketing, finance and entrepreneurship. Become an Ambassador today!

Boston Mobilization—Want to make a difference in your community? Interested in being a leader? Want to develop friendships with people from all different walks of life? Join us this summer for a life-changing social justice experience!

City Peace—Want to do something about inequality, oppression and injustice? Do you care about the world you live in? Want to be part of the solution to some of the many issues we face in society? If your answer is yes to those questions, join City Peace! This is a great opportunity to build great skills and make a difference in your community (and to make great friends while doing it!).

Workforce Summer College Immersion Program—The Workforce Summer SAT Prep and College Immersion Program will better prepare rising high school seniors for the college application process. The program will teach SAT Prep and College Writing courses to youth living in Cambridge Housing Authority sites. Youth will also take weekly college tours throughout New England. By the end of the six-week program, students will have visited ten colleges and drafted their college essay.

MSYEP Yearbook—Design our online yearbook! What should be in it? How should it look? You decide the content! You take the photos! You design the layout! You write the articles! Help us document all the cool things teens in Cambridge do all summer, with a style all your own!

East End House Food and the Urban Environment Leadership Program (FUEL) —FUEL is a fun way to spend the summer! Learn about food systems and their effect on you and the community, gardening, composting, teamwork and how to cook healthy food! FUEL is an engaging, hands-on internship and provides opportunities like taking field trips to restaurants, businesses and organizations; creating your own projects based on what you've learned, and presenting it to your peers and the Cambridge community!

Young People's Project—YPP is a local organization that trains high school students to teach Math Literacy to youth in our community. With the support of a local college student as your coach and mentor, you'll work as part of team with your peers to develop and facilitate fun and interactive math games. Plus, you'll learn about social justice issues that have an impact on you every day, both academically and socially, and learn about what you can do to make life better for yourself and those around you!

The Hip Hop Transformation—Come learn the ins and outs of hip-hop, unleash your rhyming skills, and leave as an artist and performer! Highlights include visiting professional recording studios, recording over professional quality beats, and hearing stories and experiences from established local hip-hop artists. Sound interesting? Then join THHT's fam!

Young Leaders in STEM—We develop young women to be community leaders in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). After working closely with mentors in academia and industry to participate in hands-on lab work, you will collaborate with your team to write and teach a "science club" curriculum for K-5th grade girls in your community. If you love exploring science, working in a team or being a leader in your community, this is the perfect position for you!

Community Boating—Spend your summer on the banks of the Charles helping prep sail boats, keeping the docks in good working order, learning about the behind the scenes work that keeps boating safe and fun for all, and even get the chance to head out on the water!

Cambridge Adventure Program—Do you like playing games? Do you like making money? Be a member of the Cambridge Adventure Program (CAP)! We'll teach you how to take part in something fun and challenging (tag, rock-climbing and more!) that you will use working with pre-teens at a summer camp. Check us out at the Cambridge Community Center!

College and Career Camp—Put yourself on the path to college and success! The College and Career Camp is an experiential learning opportunity for MSYEP youth to explore college and career options. Through field trips and guest speakers, youth will explore their futures!

Each One Teach One—Create cool websites, help community service organizations and learn computer and coding skills! Don't have computer skills? No problem! We'll work with you to help you learn the skills you need while you work at area agencies to do computer-related tasks while you learn!

Eco-Action—Care about the environment? Get trained to become an Eco-Auditor and work with local businesses to help them become more environmentally friendly...and help them save money! Learn from professionals, work with professionals, and get professional skills! A fabulous experience to add to college applications, while also making a difference in your community!

Navigation Games—Come learn—and teach!—orienteering with Navigation Games this summer. We are seeking teens who want to spend time running in the woods, reading maps, teaching younger children, and organizing a fun orienteering event open to the public! We also need people to document our lessons, make how-to videos, and work on our website!

Our Riverside—Conduct interviews, take pictures, tell a story! Help preserve the history of the Riverside neighborhood in Cambridge. Participate in a project to create a public display that communicates the rich history of Riverside!

Team CDD—Team CDD is a fun, fast-paced summer project! Work on one of four areas:
*Implement winning energy efficiency projects from the Glocal Challenge (invitation only)
*Share your ideas for youth outreach and lead conversations with your peers on what you would like to see Cambridge look like over the next 30 years * Talk to community members about how they travel to and from our city's retail centers or * Teach the community about energy efficiency. This is a must-do leadership opportunity that is sure to be a ton of fun!

War Memorial SWIM—Bring your flip-flops and swimsuit! Lifeguards and swim instructors are always in high demand, especially during the summer! Come learn how to safely manage a pool and create a network that will keep you employed for years to come in our pre-certification training program! See you at the pool!

Youth Fire Academy—Ever considered being a firefighter? Want to make a difference in your community? The Cambridge Youth Fire Academy can teach you how! Learn basic firefighting and medical skills in a hands-on environment that mirrors the training real firefighters use. Learn how the Cambridge Fire Department works with various agencies to ensure public safety and meet the professionals working in those roles!

Find-It Finders—Learn about all of the amazing resources in Cambridge for teens, youth, and families, and then help gather that information all in one easy to use portal that will help community members take advantage of those resources for years to come!