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 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. **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. Work is often outdoors.

**Specialized Worksites\***

**Beyond the 4th Wall**—Are you interested in acting, singing or dancing? Or learning about building sets and running a live show from behind the scenes? Whether you want to perform on stage or support a production off stage, come spend the summer learning while putting on a show for the Cambridge community. No prior experience necessary!

**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!

**Boys II Men**—Join a leadership and empowerment project designed to allow young men to learn while working and having fun. Work together to break down messages in the media, learn to cook healthy meals, engage in physical activities, and create personal and professional portfolios that can be used for applying to jobs and colleges.

**Cambridge Adventure Program**—Do you like games? Do you like money? Be a member of the Cambridge Adventure Program (CAP)! CAP will 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.

**Cambridge Community Television (CCTV)**—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.

**Cambridge Educational Access**—Cambridge Educational Access TV is recruiting a team of teen correspondents for “Youth Educating the Public”, a Youth Media in Climate Science Project. Participants will work with UMass Lowell students to create animations, blogs, digital stories, documentaries, media art installations, original music, and podcasts to inform the community about climate science from a youth perspective. Be a leader in your community—help others understand what scientists are reporting by creating media that speaks to your peers!

**Cambridge Public Art Youth Council**—Help create a new city-wide project in Cambridge! Work as a Public Art Youth Council (PAYC) member with the Cambridge Arts Council (CAC). You have over 150 works of public art in your community. Public art can be lights, walls, sidewalks, sculptures, benches, fences, events and more! This youth council will bring the voice of youth to the CAC Public Art Program by designing activities and events tailored to teen audiences.

**Cambridge T-Shirt Program—**Ever thought about designing your own clothes? Is fashion your passion? Learn how to design and print t-shirts…making your own designs and helping other agencies in Cambridge by printing t-shirts for their summer programs!

**Cambridge Youth Police Academy**—Get fit and learn about police work with the Cambridge Police Department! Solve a crime using our CSI technology!

**City Peace**—Anyone can lace up a pair of shoes and play. It takes a special kind of person to keep the peace in the Game of Life! Now YOU can be that person. City Peace: The Game of Life is a specialized program at the Moore Youth Center that certifies Peace Referees, both on the basketball court and in the game of life. If you’re interested in becoming a CYP certified referee, promoting peace in YOUR city and preventing violence on YOUR courts, apply and let you voice be used for the greater good!

**Community Art Center Teen Media Project**—Learn about Branding and Digital Public Art, Digital Video, or Public Art! Plan events, make art, and improve your community! Build your skills in media literacy, digital and visual arts, and in leadership.

**Creative Citizens Project**—Are you good with computers or digital media? Would you like to use your skills to help your family, friends or community? If you are interested in the arts, problem-solving and computers, come work at the Cambridge Creative Citizens Project. Learn how to code, bring your creative ideas to life, and create a project to support someone in your community. No experience necessary and computers will be provided.

**Eco-Action**--Care about the environment? Then stand up for what you stand on! Get trained to become an Eco-Auditor and work with local businesses to help them become more environmentally friendly...and save money! Learn from professionals, work with professionals and get professional skills.  A fabulous experience to put on your college applications!

**Friends of Alewife Reservation (FAR) Summer Ecology Camp**--Take walks on the wild side on the Alewife Reservation this summer and learn about river restoration, wildlife wonders and enjoy in-depth learning about the earth, its creatures and your connection to the wonderful world of nature.

**Girls Taking Action**—Girls Taking Action is a girls’ leadership and empowerment program that uses fun, interactive and hands-on workshops and activities to explore social issues and solutions through the lens of science and engineering. If you are looking for a summer job that isn’t boring, sweaty or stuffy, where you can make lifelong friends and have experiences that will challenge and enrich you, this is it! You will leave with the knowledge, skills and experiences to be your own leader and choose the future you desire as the confident woman you will become!

**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 the THHT Fam!

**Innovators for Purpose**--Innovation in the 21st Century calls for people who have the creativity of a designer, the tech-savvy of a scientist or engineer, and the drive of an entrepreneur.  Improve your math, science and creativity skills, while designing a project throughout the city to help people connect to the innovation economy.

**Just A Start**--We’re looking for hard-working youth who want to learn while having a fun work experience. We get a lot of work done but enjoy ourselves while doing it.  You’ll learn how to handle your money, explore future career possibilities, learn landscaping, painting and basic job skills. Plus there are field trips, games and prizes for those that do their jobs well.

**MetaMovements**--Would you like to work in your community through the arts? Are you an artist, but unsure of how to turn that into a career? MetaMovements Arts Ambassadors for Health and Social Change is looking for young, passionate leaders interested in community empowerments through the arts.  Artists learn how to WORK through dance, theatre, and the media arts to change their communities.

**MSYEP Social Media Gurus**—Are you into Facebook, Instagram, or photo editing? You could be a social media guru, and work in a team to capture all the cool events we have in MSYEP. 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!

**My City My Voice**--Calling all aspiring creatives, artists, storytellers and anyone with something to say...My City My Voice wants to hear your story and share it with the world.  Join us for a summer of exploration and artistic self-expression for the building of a stronger 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. Plus, 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.  Participate in a project to create a public display that communicates the rich history of Riverside.

**Parkour Generations**--Interested in learning about parkour this summer? We’re looking for active and motivated Cambridge teens to participate in the first Parkour Generations Boston MSYEP team! You’ll learn parkour, practice in a variety of spots around Cambridge, and learn about all of the different professional opportunities available through parkour, including instruction.

**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.

**Summer STEAM**--Youth workers in the Cambridge Community Center’s Summer STEAM Program will be participants in a program aimed to explore careers in the STEM fields through engaging in fun, hands-on activities and projects centered around different engineering design challenges. Challenges include designing and building a vertical vegetable garden, imagining and creating solutions to reduce city water pollution, designing plant-based packaging, and figuring out a process for making ice cream (and then making and eating it!)

**Supporting Our City by Supporting Our Friends**—Help make a difference in Cambridge and improve your ability to be heard by adults in this city! In this project, you will work with a researcher from Harvard University to explore how young people in Cambridge choose, use, and refuse “support”. Activities will include mapping the different support providers in Cambridge, interviewing your peers and community members, handing out surveys and analyzing the data. At the end of the summer, we will create a video and presentation for the Cambridge community with advice about how adults can better support young people.

**Team CDD**--Team CDD is a fun, fast-paced summer project! Give your ideas on youth outreach and lead your friends in conversations on what Cambridge should look like in the future. Teach people about biking (Hubway!), walking and taking the train.  Teach the community about energy efficiency.  This is a must-do leadership opportunity that is sure to be a ton of fun!

**Team GreenSense**—Go Green this summer! Not just a job, but a chance to learn about the environment and help your community. Are you an energetic, curious, positive team-player? Sign up and get paid this summer to learn about local sustainability programs and conduct service projects. Sponsored by Cambridge Public Works ([www.facebook.com/CambridgeDPW](http://www.facebook.com/CambridgeDPW))

**Teen Voices**—Are you a teen girl with a story to tell? Teen Voices is a magazine produced for, but more importantly, BY young women! Work alongside teens from Boston in our downtown offices, write and edit articles, take pictures and develop other content for a glossy magazine read by thousands of people!

**The Work Force Summer College Immersion Program**—The Work Force 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.

**Young People’s Project**—The Young People’s Project is a local organization that trains high school students to teach Math Literacy workshops to youth in the community. High school students work in teams with a local college student as their coach and mentor to develop and facilitate fun and interactive math games. YPP also engages the high school students in social justice issues currently impacting them, both academically and socially, through a focus on Policy and Advocacy work.

**Youth Action Corps of Transition House**--Do you want to be seen as a leader in your community, or do you feel like you already are one? Do you want to do something to change teen and family relationships in Cambridge for the better? You’ll plan workshops, design new social media campaigns, connect with elected officials and create a way for teens to have a clear voice in our community, all with the purpose of preventing teen dating violence and domestic violence.  Join Youth Action Corps!

**Youth Underground**—Youth Underground is the resident Teen Performance group at Central Square Theater. YU members receive training in acting, creating a new play, and public speaking. This summer, Youth Underground will begin to develop a new play about youth, social media, and cyber-bullying. In order to create this new play, YU members will be expected to conduct interviews with community members and each other. There will be a stage reading performance of the script where audience members will be surveyed for their feedback on the new script.

\*Please note, the list of specialized programs and their descriptions is tentative and subject to change.