

City of Cambridge  
**Mayor's Summer Youth Employment (MSYEP) Program**

**Types of MSYEP Work Experiences**

**Work with Senior Citizens**

There are a very limited number of positions working with seniors. Responsibilities might include:

- leading or participating in games
- physical fitness activities with seniors
- serving snacks or meals
- providing basic help to seniors in a supported setting

**Peer Leadership and Support**

Work with a group of other teens (and a supportive adult) on a project or projects, usually with a theme.

**Arts/Theater/Music**

Enjoy creative experiences, including art, theater or dance, taking part in a performance, or teaching others. Both visual and performing arts programs are available, including:

- photography
- dance
- acting
- theater technical support
- set design
- lyric writing
- musical performance
- music production

**Office/Library Work**

Library work is primarily shelving books.-Responsibilities can include:

- filing
- shredding
- photocopying and scanning
- organizing
- cleaning
- running errands
- making or answering phone calls
- interacting with clients

**Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)**

Responsibilities might include:

- learning and using new computer skills (like coding)
- doing office work
- group projects in a scientific or technical setting
- learning scientific concepts and then teaching them to others
- applying scientific or mathematical theories to solve problems
- environmental projects

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**Media/Web Production**

Responsibilities might include:

- writing
- storytelling
- filming and editing
- acting
- graphic design
- photography
- basic web design
- work-related social networking.

**Working with Children in Camps, Daycares or Preschool Programs**

Preschool and daycare settings will work with children up to age 5. Camps work with children ages 4-13. Youth assigned to a preschool will need an additional background check. Responsibilities might include:

- leading games or activities with children
- modeling positive behaviors for children
- serving snacks or meals
- cleaning and organizing
- interacting with parents and teachers
- going on short field trips to local parks
- Participating in trips that may require going in the water at beaches, pools and/or sprinklers
- participating in sports and physical activities

*Note: due to state regulations, 14-year-olds cannot work in daycare or preschool programs.*

**Landscaping/Maintenance:**

Work is often outdoors. Responsibilities might include:

- cleaning
- organizing
- lifting and moving furniture
- using light tools
- painting
- raking
- sweeping
- mopping

**Physical Fitness**

Learn concepts related to health and wellness, and the skills to share health and wellness concepts with others.

Responsibilities might include:

- physical activities
- coaching

**Academic Enrichment**

Experience enhanced academic learning outside of a traditional school schedule and setting, with an additional focus on useful workplace skills like time management, teamwork, and goal setting.