

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.

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.

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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 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 Public Art Youth Council—Learn about the art all around us, and then help draw attention to it through spoken word poetry performances and interactive presentations! Be an art ambassador!

City Peace—Learn about what it takes to be a great youth worker, including supporting young people with disabilities! Participate in team-building activities, learn conflict resolution strategies, and think about what it means to support others this summer at City Peace!

Community Art Center Teen Media Program—Learn the photography or videography skills you need to make sure your Instagram and Snapchat are on point, while learning how to create your brand! Or learn about and contribute to all of the amazing public art in our communities!

Community Boating—Spend your summer working on docks by the Charles, learning about sailing, boat safety and boat maintenance while helping other people take advantage of the opportunity to learn how to sail!

Creative Community in Action 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 Community in Action Project (C3P!). C3P is located on the Harvard campus, and you will learn how to code, bring your creative ideas to life, and create a project to support someone in your community. No artistic or computer experience is necessary and computers are provided.

Farrington Nature Linc—Vegetables, nature and animals! Spend the summer working on a real farm and helping young children learn and have fun!

Girls Taking Action—Young women from across Cambridge come together to think about and work on projects related to what it means to be a woman...in Cambridge, in the US, and around the globe. If you identify as a young woman and want an experience that will be empowering, educational, exciting and fun, check out Girls Taking Action!

The Hip Hop Transformation—Come learn the ins and outs of hip hop, unleash your rhyiming skills, and leave as an artist and a 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? Join the THHT fam!

Innovators for Purpose—Participate in hands-on, real-world learning experiences, explore math and science in new ways, and collaborate with industry professionals including designers, scientists, technologists and entrepreneurs! From making musical instruments to the psychology of color, and even contributing to a youth-designed walking tour, teens develop their creative capacity, analytical ability and entrepreneurial drive in a fun work environment!

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.

Leaders in Action—If you want to have a great summer where you can define who you are around social justice, what you will do through the arts, and to have an opportunity to make your own history right here in Cambridge, all while getting paid, sign on with Leaders in Action at the Frisoli Youth Center this summer!

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 Team—Are you into Snapchat, 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—As neighborhoods grow and change, what is it that makes Cambridge...Cambridge? Conduct interviews, take pictures, tell a story! Help preserve the history of the Riverside neighborhood, and 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 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 might 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!)

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.

War Memorial Lifeguard in Training Program—Do you like swimming? Do you like working with children? Then consider applying to the Lifeguard in Training program where you will learn, and even have the opportunity to get lifeguard certified while helping teach summer swim lessons! **Please note: Due to lifeguard certification requirements, you must be 16 for this worksite!**

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 Environmental Entrepreneurship Program—Bring native plants back to Cambridge! Over the years, humans have changed the natural landscape, bringing invasive species of plants and animals to Massachusetts. Help restore biodiversity by learning about and planting native plants. Plus, learn key entrepreneurship skills by helping to manage a native plant selling and installation business, with the profits going back into remaking local meadows.

Youth Fire Academy—Ever thought about 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 hand-on environment that mirrors the training real firefighters get! Learn how the Cambridge Fire Department works with various agencies to ensure public safety and meet the professionals working in those roles.

Youth Police Academy—Get fit and learn about police work with the Cambridge Police Department! Solve a crime using our CSI technology! Take cool field trips to learn about things like water rescues and the canine unit! Maybe a career in law enforcement is right for you...find out in the Cambridge Youth Police Academy.

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.