

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, minor construction, writing; all on projects related to the environment.

Teen Leadership Projects—You will work with a group of other teens (and a supportive adult) on a project or projects, usually with a focused theme. Many of the projects listed at the end of this document are Teen Leadership Projects.

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

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

Healthcare/Science—For responsibilities, see Office or Library work above, but specifically in a healthcare or scientific setting.

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 Daycares or Preschools—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 daycares or preschools.

Working with Children in Summer Camps—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 field trips which may require going in the water at beaches or pools, participating in sports and other physical activities. All 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.

Young Mentors in Leadership—Young men interested in being a source of change in their community...this is the program for you! Spend your summer working, laughing, learning, and giving back. You are already a leader...now learn how to influence. Build your personal brand! Learn how to coach and be coached! You will be challenged—learning and growing through a variety of conversations and physical, athletic and hands-on activities. Are you a creative leader with an energetic mind? This is the program for you!

Creative Action Project—The Creative Action Project is a special program just for girls! At CAP, you can explore issues and subjects that matter to you through projects, activities, field trips and community service. You'll get to do art projects, play games and have fun, all while developing leadership skills to help you in college and beyond! If you're creative, adventurous, and want to be a leader, CAP wants you to join us this summer!

Community Art Center Teen Media Project—The Community Art Center's Teen Media Program Intensive will offer two tracks this year. In the Digital Art Track, participants will make independent personal narrative projects, while the Digital Activism Track will allow participants to choose an issue affecting young people in Cambridge and create a media project addressing the issue.

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, conduct service projects, and produce web-video to educate others about this topic. Sponsored by Cambridge Public Works (www.facebook.com/CambridgeDPW)

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

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!

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!

Leaders in Action—Teens interested in marketing, event planning, media production and social networking are encouraged to participate in the Leaders in Action Summer 2012 Program. This summer, the LIAs will design an ad campaign based on a social issue that affects the Cambridge community. Creative and energetic minds are encouraged to participate in what we say, who we say it to, and how we say it!

My City My Voice—Learn to use visual art, video, performance and/or poetry to show Cambridge who YOU really are. Work with professional artists and civil rights activists to create an arts event that promotes a positive image of teens in Cambridge, explores social justice issues, and uses communication technologies. You will also be paired with an older resident to discover what it was like when they were your age and compare it with your life today.

Summer Ecology Camp at Alewife Reservation—The Summer Ecology Camp at Alewife Reservation is an opportunity for students who want to spend their summer outside in nature working on local conservation. Come learn about the amazing biodiversity in your own backyard and do your part to protect wildlife in Cambridge!

Just-A-Star—In addition to serving your community through landscaping, fencer-painting, and other beautification projects, Just-A-Star provides you with the opportunity to serve yourself through career planning, financial understanding, and field trips to colleges, work places and museums. You will work hard, learn a lot, and have fun doing it!

Cambridge Arts Council—Help create a new city-wide Sound Art 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.

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.

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 see examples of disrespect every day in your community? Do you know someone who has experienced abuse—one out of every three teens does. Do you want to be a leader in helping Cambridge create positive and respectful teen relationships? Come join the Youth Action Corps, and be a part of a fun, all-teen team to teach your community about safe, respectful and healthy relationships!

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!

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.

MetaMovements' Move4Health Project—Love to dance? Love to work with kids? How about the idea of a healthy community? Join the Move4Health Project as we help to build a better world through dance, music, and the arts. Opportunities available include: dance training, teaching and performance; community outreach to diverse populations and multimedia documentation, writing, and web design.

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—Bring it on! Use your talents! Would you like to spend a summer working with other teens creating new and positive ways to deal with conflict? Join City Peace and make an impact on YOUR community through the showcase extravaganza. This is the place for you!

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 first-ever 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!

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!

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.

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