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Career Exploration: Summer Employment Opportunities

With temperatures in single digits, summer may seem a long, long way away. Don't be fooled! Now is the time to begin making plans for the warmer months! Hoping to have more than "just" a job this summer? Check out these organizations in your communities:

Developing Saint Paul's leaders. Driving Saint Paul's success.

Right Track brings together the City of Saint Paul, the Saint Paul Public Schools, local businesses, and community-based organizations to provide employment opportunities and professional skills training for youth. Together we are building a skilled and diverse workforce for the future.



The organizations featured in this newsletter provide youth in their communities with summer job, internship and volunteer opportunities. The application processes vary but may take only a matter of minutes. Summer is the perfect time to learn new skills, expand your connections and make money. **Don't delay!!! Apply today!!!**



Right Track serves St Paul youth (14-21) who receive free or reduced-price lunch, food stamps, section 8 housing and/or experience barriers to employment including: a disability (both physical and learning), limited English proficiency, are a potential or actual school dropout, have been juvenile offenders or are in a diversion program, are pregnant or parenting, are homeless, have runaway, are chemically dependent or their parents/guardians are, are behind one or more grade levels, or are a part of the foster system.

Right Track offers two primary programs, YJ1 & YJ2. When completing the online application, we will help you decide which is the best fit for you.

YJ1 offers a variety of internships for youth at recreation and community centers, pools, libraries, gardening, construction, video production, and more. YJ1 jobs may be with organizations like Saint Paul Parks & Recreation, the Science Museum of MN, YWCA, Arts-U, Conservation Corps, Urban Roots, and more. YJ2 offers internships in many career fields including business, education, finance, healthcare, law, management, trades, youth development and more. YJ2 internships are offered across industries including non-profit, government, small business, and corporate opportunities. The YJ2 program partners with some of Saint Paul's largest employers, such as U.S. Bank, Xcel Energy, Region's Hospital, the State of Minnesota, and more. [Click here to apply.](#) **Deadline: typically end of February.**



The 2022 Step Up application is now open. [Apply here.](#) **This application will close February 18, 2022.** Late applications will not be accepted. To be eligible for Step Up you must:

- Live in Minneapolis
- Be 14-21 years old by June 1, 2022

AND one of the following must also apply:

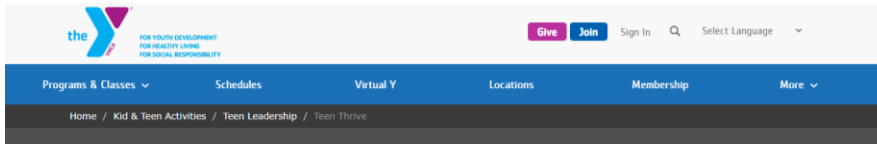
- Meet family income guidelines: *1 person in family: \$51,400, 2 persons \$58,750, 3 persons \$66,100, 4 persons \$73,450, 5 persons \$79,300, 6 persons \$85,200, 7 persons \$91,050, 8 persons \$96,950*
- Be a student with a disability
- Have an IEP or 504 plan
- Be an English Language Learner
- Be pregnant or parenting
- Be experiencing homelessness or high mobility
- Be involved in the foster care system
- Have been involved in the justice system



Youth Crew team in the **Kitty Andersen Youth Science Center (KAYSC)** located on the lower level of the Minnesota Science Museum.

High school students engage in STEM learning through hands-on STEM activities and courses, while engaging in community Social Justice work through a STEM lens, thereby empowering them to pursue their potential and gain experience in the world of STEM. They will be committed to serving community, grounded in their awareness of young people's ability to impact our institutions, communities, and World, while pursuing personal, social, and educational excellence. Paid positions.

Call (651) 221-9444 and ask to speak to someone in the education program or employment for more information about this program and the application process.



Teen Thrive

Leaders Club

Leaders Club is directed and powered by teens. It provides opportunities to develop leadership skills and abilities through service-learning activities and projects. Learn to be a leader and help make a difference in our community.

Achievers

Achievers Classes is a college-access and career-readiness program for those in middle and high school. Prepare for life after high school with guidance from mentors, field trips and goal-setting activities.

Youth in Government

Speak your mind and discuss today's important issues in [Youth in Government](#). All students in grades 8-12 are welcome, and financial assistance is available.

Get involved

Discover the Teen Thrive programming available at your preferred YMCA location:

- [Andover](#)
- [Blaisdell](#)
- [Burnsville](#)
- [Dayton at Gaviidae - Downtown Minneapolis](#)
- [Eagan](#)
- [Emma B. Howe—Coon Rapids](#)
- [Forest Lake](#)
- [Hastings](#)
- [Hudson, WI](#)
- [Maplewood YMCA Community Center](#)
- [New Hope](#)
- [North Community](#)
- [Ridgedale—Minnetonka](#)
- [Shoreview](#)
- [Southdale—Edina](#)
- [St. Paul Eastside](#)
- [St. Paul Midway](#)
- [West St. Paul](#)
- [White Bear Area](#)
- [Woodbury](#)



- Want to say you've made a tangible effort to improve the environment (and get paid)? Conservation Corps is an AmeriCorps affiliate that may be right for you.
- Does spending 4 weeks in mid-June to mid-August living out of a tent and working on everything from trail maintenance to planting trees, removing invasive plants, restoring natural habitats, and creating rain gardens sound like fun? Have a passion for Minnesota State Parks (or just curious to check them out)? Consider [Summer Youth Corps](#). For applications and more details click here.
- A part time option more your speed? Youth Outdoors is a program for youth age 15 to 18. It meets afterschool 5-12 hours per week at local recreation centers and focuses on doing local conservation work. Saturday efforts include leading neighborhood volunteers doing special projects. This program is open to St Paul, Minneapolis, Ramsey and Dakota county youth. The spring session runs from March 21st - May 30th.
- Interested in a career in an environmental field? The Bridges Project is designed to have youth crews work alongside professionals and scientists to gain in-depth experiences and receive advanced training. For youth ages 15-18.