

SYEP Summer Program 2021 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

When does the program application open?

The online application is open from February 19 thru April 2, 2021. Please visit the SYEP website for the application link when it opens.

Who can apply?

Anyone who is 16-24 years of age by July 5, 2021 that resides in the City of Seattle, and meets the program income eligibility is able to apply. You must also be ready to commit to a minimum of six weeks this summer, with the program running July 5 through August 17.

How are participants selected?

Participants are randomly selected via lottery to participate in the program. Invited participants must complete a placement interview and submit proof that they are eligible for SYEP (age, address, income). Participants who are not selected will be placed on a waitlist should spots become available.

How much time must I commit to SYEP to complete the program?

You must commit 150 hours during the summer over the six-week period. Depending on the King County Department of Health and City of Seattle COVID guidelines this summer, programming can include in-person internships, virtual internships done from home and using video conferencing platforms, and/or a "learn and earn model," which is combination of special trainings and job readiness workshops to help you prepare for your future career.

What is the pay?

If COVID restrictions require the "learn and earn" model, you will be paid a stipend upon completion of the summer program. If we are able to offer internships this summer, whether in-person or virtual, an hourly minimum wage of \$16.69 will be offered and paid out bi-weekly.

Will I receive community service hours?

No, SYEP program participation hours are not eligible for community service hours.

Can I receive letters of recommendation from this program?

Yes! If this is your first time participating in a career or enrichment program, this is a great opportunity to gain new skills and begin to network in your community. You will work closely with your counselor during the year, meet industry leaders, and work with a direct supervisor during the summer. It is common for all of us to write recommendations for future opportunities that accurately speak to your strengths and growth opportunities.

Why do I interview for the program?

Simply put—we want to get to know you better and to introduce you to our staff! Interviews are a way for us to learn about you, why you applied to SYEP, and what you hope to get out of the program this upcoming year.