



## About Youth Engaged in Service (YES)

YES is offered by the Youth Employment and Service Learning office of Seattle Parks and Recreation.

YES provides opportunities for youth to affect change in their communities while engaging in a meaningful and rewarding summer experience. This program is inclusive.

This summer internship will build skills, support, and confidence that extend into the school year and beyond.



## Your Experience with YES

- ➔ Join a Parks and Recreation program, facility, or park. You will be partnered with an adult mentor.
- ➔ Develop pre-employment and leadership skills.
- ➔ Past placements have included front desk/office positions, outdoor restoration, or swim aide.
- ➔ You will receive community service hours and a stipend after completing your service.

### Application Deadline:

**Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> by 5 pm**

Your application must be received by, not postmarked by, the above date

Please mail your application and recommendation form to:

Seattle Parks and Recreation

Attention: YES

100 Dexter Ave N, Box #9

Seattle, WA 98109

## Join us today!

We're looking for curious teens who are interested in making a difference in their community!

- Open to young people 13 – 18 years of age as of July 10<sup>th</sup>
- Must have either a social security number or tax ID number to receive stipend.
- **Must be a resident of city of Seattle**

Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted. **Please note that you will not be contacted if your application is incomplete.** We do not accept applications via email.

**A complete application must include:**

- 2017 YES Application filled out completely and to the best of your ability
- A recommendation form filled out by an adult mentor who is not a family member (see form for details)
- Applicant signature and parent/guardian signature (if applicant is under 18 years old)

If you are applying for the STEP Program as well, the same recommendation may be used but a copy needs to be received with both applications. The STEP application also requires an *additional* recommendation by another adult mentor.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

Must have a social security number or tax identification number to receive the stipend. If you do not have either a SSN or tax ID number, you are still eligible to receive service learning hours for the graduation requirement.

Must live within Seattle city limits and/or be eligible to attend a Seattle public school.

*\*We will use the [Seattle Schools "Address Lookup Tool"](#) to verify your eligibility.*

Must be able to provide own transportation to service site. Bus tokens are available as needed.

*\* We will do our best to place you in a location near to where you live.*

Your schedule will be determined by your site placement.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** 60 hours of the 120 participation hours required of YES members also qualify as service hours for your school's community service graduation requirement. Make sure to check with your school administrators to receive credit. Seattle Public School policy now allows a maximum of **15 hours completed during the summer before 9<sup>th</sup> grade** to be counted towards the service learning requirement for high school graduation.

**STIPEND:**

Volunteers who complete 120 hours of service, turn in necessary paperwork, and meet all program expectations will receive \$150. No partial stipends are awarded.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

<u>Informational interviews:</u>	June 5-9th
<u>Notifications of site placement mailed out:</u>	June 21 <sup>st</sup>
<u>Orientation:</u>	July 7 <sup>th</sup> (mandatory) at Garfield Teen Life Center
<u>Program dates:</u>	July 10 <sup>th</sup> -August 18 <sup>th</sup>
<u>Celebration event:</u>	August 23 <sup>rd</sup> at Camp Long

**If you have any questions, contact [teen.programs@seattle.gov](mailto:teen.programs@seattle.gov)**

**Or visit [www.seattle.gov/ParksTeenJobs](http://www.seattle.gov/ParksTeenJobs)**

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**Why do you want to participate in the YES program?**

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**What personal strengths will you bring to this program?**

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**Special Skills and Placement Preferences**

Please let us know if you are interested in developing or already possess any of the following skills. Please mark “G” for growth (a skill or interest that you would like to explore), and “S” for strength (skills you already have). Additionally, rate your top five interests in regards to your preferred placements. Rank 1 as your first choice and 5 as your fifth choice.

➔ For example: **Strong swimming skills G,1** would indicate that you are interested in becoming a more advanced swimmer and that this is your first choice placement.

Answering phones		Conducting research	
Filing		Computer hardware/programming	
Microsoft Office programs		Race and social justice	
Typing/data entry		Being with kids	
Customer service		Waste reduction/composting	
Creating marketing materials		Working outdoors	
Public speaking		Sustainability and environment	
Community engagement		Strong swimming skills	
Sports		Other:	

**Placement Location**

Although we cannot guarantee placement close to where you live, please specify which areas of Seattle that you can easily get to.

Northwest Seattle <input type="checkbox"/>	Northeast <input type="checkbox"/>	Southwest <input type="checkbox"/>	Southeast <input type="checkbox"/>
Central East <input type="checkbox"/>	Central West <input type="checkbox"/>	Downtown/International District <input type="checkbox"/>	

**Availability**

Please list any commitments you have planned between 7/10 and 8/18 that would limit your availability to volunteer. *This includes vacations, camps, sports team practices, summer school, another job, etc.* Please note the dates and times of these commitments below:

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Is there any other information you think we should know about you?

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*SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT AND GUARDIAN*

***As a matter of policy, law and commitment, Seattle Parks does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, political ideology, age, creed, religion, ancestry, national origin, or presence of any sensory, mental or physical handicap. (SMC 18.12.280)***

By signing below, you are stating that you have read all enclosed materials concerning the Seattle Parks and Recreation Youth Engaged in Service program and that all statements you have made in the application are true to the best of your knowledge.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parental or guardian approval for applicants under 18 years of age**

I have read and understand the enclosed materials that describe the Seattle Parks and Recreation Youth Engaged in Service program. I have discussed the program with my child and understand the expectations and authorize him/her/them to apply for and participate in the YES program.

I authorize the YES program to contact my child after the summer experience to see how the school year is going and if skills, knowledge, and attributes gained from his/her/their participation have been useful. Yes:  No:

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Recommendation Form

Please return this page along with your application.

Recommendations received separately from the application or past the deadline will NOT be accepted.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (206) 684-4575 or email [teen.programs@seattle.gov](mailto:teen.programs@seattle.gov)

Instructions for Applicant: Ask an adult mentor to fill out this form on your behalf. Recommendations can be provided from school teachers, counselors, coaches, religious leaders, neighbors, former or current supervisors, etc.

This recommendation form cannot be written by family members.

[Applicant name] \_\_\_\_\_ is applying to participate in the 2017 Youth Engaged in Service program (YES). YES is a pre-employment program whose purpose is to provide youth with personal growth opportunities, inspire community engagement, and introduce life and career skills. During a YES summer internship, participants will be placed at a Seattle Parks and Recreation site with an adult mentor.

Contact information of adult mentor (please print clearly):

Name and Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization or affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

In what capacity have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

**How would you best describe the applicant? Please circle all that apply.**

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|----------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| Dependable           | Adventurous    | Honest                     |
| Creative             | Curious        | Independent                |
| Hard worker          | Organized      | Good listener              |
| Considerate of other | Loves learning | Likely to show up          |
| Hands-on learner     | Motivated      | Kind                       |
| Extroverted          | Introverted    | Peer leader                |
| Leads by example     | Problem solver | Invested in social justice |

**Please tell us why you think this applicant would be a good fit for YES:**

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