

SYEP 2025 Younger Youth Frequently Asked Questions



What will I be doing this summer?

This summer, you will be assigned an exciting project by your provider. You will work 12.5 hours a week for 6 weeks. Through this experience, you will explore career opportunities, obtain work readiness and leadership skills, and earn up to \$700.00!

How will I get paid?

Depending on your attendance and participation, you will receive a weekly stipend. You can choose to have the money deposited into your bank account, or you can opt into having a payroll card mailed to you. You will not have to pay to apply or to participate. The only costs you will be responsible for are your own transportation and meals.

What if I requested a document (Social Security Card, Birth Certificate, etc.) and it will not arrive before the enrollment deadline?

Please provide proof of your request for a new document to your provider. This will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and is up to the discretion of the provider. To avoid any issues, please make sure you have all the necessary documents ready before the enrollment period begins.

Can I change my first choice of provider after I submit my application?

No. Community-based SYEP applicants can choose up to three providers. Applicants who opt for specialized programs (Emerging Leaders, NYCHA, Career Ready) must go for the provider that is zoned to their neighborhood or school. Please select your first choice of provider carefully before submitting, as this cannot be changed later.

How can I apply?

You can apply one of two ways: online at <https://application.nycsyep.com>, or via a paper application with one of our SYEP community partners (<https://application.nycsyep.com/DocumentLibrary>).

How are applications chosen?

For Community-Based SYEP, DYCD selects participants randomly within each providers' pool of applicants, giving everyone a fair chance at securing a spot. There will be more than one lottery to ensure that all seats in the program are filled. Some young people are directly recruited by SYEP community partners for specialized programming.