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**SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINE  
EXTENDED TO FRIDAY, MAY 6**

*NYC young people aged 14-24 have two more weeks to apply for a record 100,000 opportunities available this summer*

*Employers interested in supporting SYEP are encouraged to become worksites*

**NEW YORK** – New York City Mayor Eric Adams and the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) announced that the application deadline for the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) has been extended two weeks to Friday, May 6, 2022. The nation’s largest summer youth employment initiative is offering 90,000 jobs this summer, with an additional 10,000 opportunities available through other city agencies. There is still time for employers interested in becoming worksites for this year’s program to apply as well. The 2022 program runs from July 5 through August 20.

“The Summer Youth Employment Program not only puts money in the pockets of New York City’s young people, but also exposes them to potential career interests and new learning experiences,” said **New York City Mayor Eric Adams**. “Having the summer youth employment program extend its application deadline for another two weeks will be key to getting our youth to participate in what could be life changing experiences. Every young person should have the opportunity to work or learn over the summer, and this historic investment will help secure a better future for tens of thousands while helping to make our city safer.”

“By extending the deadline, we are giving even more young New Yorkers an opportunity to apply for a record number of jobs this summer,” said **DYCD Deputy Commissioner for Workforce Connect Valerie Mulligan**. “DYCD strongly encourages youth and families to visit the application site or contact their local community-based organization for a chance to explore their interests and career pathways, and take part in learning experiences that help boost their workplace, social, civic and leadership skills.”

Applications can be completed online at [nyc.gov/syep](https://nyc.gov/syep) or at a participating community-based organization during the application period. Employers and worksites looking to support SYEP should visit [nyc.gov/hirenycyouth](https://nyc.gov/hirenycyouth). For more information, call 311 or DYCD Community Connect (1-800-246-4646).

In addition to providing young people with paid opportunities to explore potential career interests and learning experiences that help develop their professional, social, civic, and leadership skills, SYEP has been shown in studies to save lives, cut crime, strengthen communities, and reduce a participant’s chances of being arrested or incarcerated. The administration’s commitment to summer jobs for any young person who wants one is part of the [Blueprint to End Gun Violence](#) and an overall strategy to keep youth engaged and safe over the summer months.

SYEP teens aged 14 and 15 learn about career opportunities and make a difference in their communities through paid project-based activities. Older youth aged 16 to 24 improve their work readiness skills and explore career pathways through paid summer jobs in a variety of industries throughout the five boroughs. Special programming is available for:

- Youth residing in select New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) developments
- Students from select Department of Education (DOE) schools
- DOE ACCESS and Alternative School students
- Students in the Young Adult Borough Centers (YABC) program
- Unhoused or runaway youth
- Young people experiencing gender-based violence
- Youth in the Living for the Young Family Through Education (LYFE) Parental Program Support program
- Youth who are in foster care, or justice- or court-involved care receiving preventive services through the New York City Administration for Children's Services (ACS) or receiving cash assistance through the New York City Human Resources Administration (HRA).

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