**SYEP SCHOOL-YEAR PROGRAM FAQs**

**Is this an internship?** No, the 2020/21 school-year program is an opportunity for you to learn 21st century skills, team building and job readiness skills. It will span across the fall, winter and spring quarters and is a “learn and earn” program. Normally this program is in-person but during COVID we will be virtual per the Seattle and King County Public Health COVID-19 guidelines.

**When will internships become available?** Internships are held during the summer. The next earliest anticipated date is summer 2021. We will closely monitor COVID-19 Seattle and King County Public Health guidelines.

**How many openings are there?** There are 200 slots available for the school-year program. Due to high demand, only new applicants who have never participated in SYEP will be eligible. All eligible applicants will be entered into a lottery. Additional applicants may be placed on a waitlist and will be contacted if a slot becomes available.

**What am I learning?** “Soft” skills (i.e., team building, communication, problem-solving), pre-employment skills (i.e., resume and cover letter writing, interviewing), and career exploration.

**What is expected of me?** Each quarter will consist of 15 participation hours that includes learning activities, regular one-on-one meetings with a trusted youth development counselor and small group meetings.

**How much will I earn?** The school-year program includes three quarters. You must complete 80% (12 hours) of the total program hours to qualify for the $300 stipend per quarter. You will earn up to $900 total for all three quarters!

**When does the program start and end?** The program starts October 27, 2020 and ends April 29, 2021.

**How will training occur?** In accordance with the City of Seattle's current response to COVID-19, all program activities will occur virtually. The program will be best experienced through a desktop/laptop and consistent internet access. There will be opportunities to meet online in small groups and one-on-one with a youth development counselor. In-person services will resume once the safety guidelines are lifted.

**What if I do not have access to the internet and a computer to participate?** Please contact SYEP if you need support.

**How will I know if I am in the program?** You will be notified by email if you are accepted into the program.

**Do I get a partial stipend?** No. A participant must complete a minimum of 80% of the program hours. Stipends will not be pro-rated.

**For additional information please visit our website**

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