

# SYEP Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

## When does the program application open?

The online application is open from August 15<sup>th</sup> to September 9, 2019. Please visit the SYEP website for the link:

## Who can apply?

Anyone who is 16-24 years of age by October 26<sup>th</sup>, that resides in the City of Seattle, and meets the program income eligibility. You must be ready to commit to all three program modules and a summer internship from October 2019 to August 2020.

## How are participants selected?

Participants are randomly selected via lottery to participate in the program. Invited participants must complete an 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 between 45 - 60 hours during the school year and a 150 hour during the summer internship.

Module	Requirements
Fall, Winter, and Spring (October-May)	12-15 hours of participation in each module, including team activities, skills workshops, one on one coaching, assessments, and attending career discovery days.
Summer (June-August)	150-hour internship over six weeks focused on your career interests and personal goals.

## What is the pay?

You are paid a stipend upon completion of each of the three module sessions and an hourly minimum wage during the summer internship.

## Will I receive community service hours?

No, the school year modules and the summer internship 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.

## Can I complete 1-2 modules or just the summer internship?

No, you must commit to all three modules and the summer internship. The program is designed for you to work on a team and individually to build on new job readiness skills and developing ones you already possess.