

# Youth Work-Based Learning Opportunities

The District is investing in a reimagined system that prepares our youth to succeed in high-wage, high-demand careers through:

## Career Exploration



**Connections with employers** to explore career pathways and learn about jobs in high-demand fields.

## Career Preparedness



**First-hand introduction to work experience** to build employability skills and gain exposure.

## Career Launch



**Opportunities to enter pathways to high-wage jobs** through specialized courses and training to earn industry -recognized credentials.



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## Career Exploration

<b>Hiring Events</b>	Participate in year-round hiring fair events to explore opportunities to connect with employers in high-demand industries that interest you and explore ways to build your work experience and networking skills. Youth ages 14–24 are eligible to participate.	Approx. seats; Varies	Office of Youth Programs at 202-698-3492 Or <a href="mailto:youth-jobs@dc.gov">youth-jobs@dc.gov</a>
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## Career Preparedness

### School Year Opportunities

<b>CTE Advanced Internship Program</b>	Get paid to intern in a field that aligns with your CTE program area of study while earning course credit and participating in professional development coaching. Eligible students will earn an hourly \$17 wage, for a weekly commitment of 8 - 12 hours. Transportation services are also available to students as needed. Youth grades 11–12 in their 3rd or 4th level course of approved CTE programs are eligible.	Approx. seats; 250	<a href="#">AIP website;</a> <a href="mailto:OSE.CTE.AIP@dc.gov">OSE.CTE.AIP@dc.gov</a>
<b>DCPS Career Bridge</b>	Graduating seniors interested in pursuing a career right after graduation can earn \$12 hourly and credit in opportunity academies to participate in employability skills training, followed by an 8 month internship. There will also be opportunities for internship bonuses! To be eligible youth must maintain 60% attendance, have passing grades, be on-track to graduate, & be recommended by their College & Career Coordinator or Career Bridge Opportunity Academy Coordinator.	Approx. seats; 50	<a href="#">Website;</a> <a href="mailto:Kris-ten.DeSanti@k12.dc.gov">Kris-ten.DeSanti@k12.dc.gov</a>
<b>DOES School Year Internship Program</b>	Through this internship opportunity youth will earn money while developing meaningful work experience by participating in leadership development, project-based learning, life skills and work-readiness training. Youth ages 14 -21 who are enrolled in high school, DC residents, and eligible to work in the U.S. can apply.	Approx. seats; 1,000	<a href="#">Website;</a> 202-698-3492 Or <a href="mailto:youth-jobs@dc.gov">youth-jobs@dc.gov</a>
<b>DCHR In-School Youth Leadership Program</b>	Get paid while earning academic credit to engage with high performing government professionals, attend seminars, receive coaching and mentorship, and develop professional skills. Youth ages 16 -21 who are enrolled in high school or a postsecondary educational institution, and DC residents can apply.	Approx. seats; 5	<a href="#">Website;</a> 202-442-9700 or <a href="mailto:CLD@dc.gov">CLD@dc.gov</a>
<b>Marion Barry Youth Leadership Institute (MBYLI)</b>	Youth are recruited to gain work experience while participating in weekly training sessions, community service projects, general body meetings, youth forums, and leadership development training. Youth ages 14 -19 enrolled in middle school or high school who are DC residents can apply.	Approx. seats; 150	<a href="#">Website;</a> 202-698-3492 or <a href="mailto:mbyli@dc.gov">mbyli@dc.gov</a>

### Summer Opportunities

<b>Marion Barry Youth Leadership Institute (MBYLI)</b>	Youth are recruited in spring to participate in the Summer Intensive Training Program. Opportunities include training seminars, community labs, youth government elections, cultural events, guest speakers and open discussion forums for six weeks on a local college campus. Youth ages 14 -19 enrolled in middle school or high school who are DC residents can apply.	Approx. seats; 450	<a href="#">Website;</a> 202-698-3492 or <a href="mailto:mbyli@dc.gov">mbyli@dc.gov</a>
<b>Career Ready Internship</b>	Get paid minimum wage for up to 25 hours weekly to participate in an internship aligned to your CTE program area of study. Youth grades 11–12 enrolled approved CTE programs are eligible.	Approx. seats; 600	<a href="#">Website;</a> <a href="mailto:Simone.Garcia@dc.gov">Simone.Garcia@dc.gov</a>
<b>Mayor Marion S. Barry Summer Youth Employment Program</b>	Earn money and gain work experience by participating in this paid summer internship opportunity. Participants will have the chance to gain exposure to career opportunities in various fields and build direct connections with working professionals in their industry of interest. All youth ages 14 -24 are eligible.	Approx. seats; 14,000	<a href="#">Website;</a> <a href="mailto:summerjobs@dc.gov">summerjobs@dc.gov</a>

## Career Launch

<b>Youth Apprenticeships</b>	Start your career journey by participating in this opportunity and receiving support to earn your GED. Youth will be exposed to specialized skills training in various fields including retail, hospitality, administrative assistance, culinary arts, automotive services, IT, etc. Youth ages 16-24 can apply.	Approx. seats; 50	<a href="#">Website;</a> <a href="mailto:Apprenticeship@dc.gov">Apprenticeship@dc.gov</a>
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