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Application deadline for the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) extended to Friday, March 13

NEW YORK – TODAY, the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) announced that the application deadline for the 2026 Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) has been extended to Friday, March 13, 2026. SYEP, the nation’s largest summer youth employment initiative, will provide 100,000 young people aged 14 to 24 with career exploration opportunities this summer.

“For 63 years, the Summer Youth Employment Program has been a defining first step for young New Yorkers looking to land their first job, expand their resume, and become a productive member of the workforce,” said **DYCD Commissioner Sandra Escamilla-Davies**. “The two-week extension gives even more NYC youth the opportunity to apply for paid work experience, strengthen real-world skills, network with industry professionals and take meaningful steps toward a successful future.”

SYEP applications can be completed online or through participating community-based organizations, found at nyc.gov/syep during the application period through March 13. Applications are also available through May 8 for employers to provide paid experiences for SYEP participants by becoming a worksite.

SYEP runs for six weeks in July and August. The initiative provides youth with paid opportunities to explore potential career interests and pathways, allowing participants to engage in learning experiences that help develop their professional, social, civic, and leadership skills. Participants aged 14 and 15 receive a stipend for the summer; older youth aged 16-24 are paid the prevailing minimum wage.

Last summer, participants got a jump start on their careers at thousands of worksites across the city, in industries such as business/finance, fashion, philanthropy, technology, arts/culture, engineering/construction, healthcare, legal services, real estate, transportation, advertising/marketing, hospitality/tourism, media/entertainment, and retail.

For more information, call 311 or DYCD Community Connect (1-800-246-4646).

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