



YOUNG MEN'S INITIATIVE

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OUR MISSION

Develop and champion policies, programs, and partnerships that holistically support the success of young people throughout NYC.



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How to plug in to YMI:



NEON WORKS

About: Provides youth and young adults with the opportunity to acquire knowledge, skills, and attitudes that result in gainful employment or improved work performance. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Eligibility: There are no education requirements, but priority is given to people aged 16-24.

- People on probation who live anywhere in NYC, and
- Other residents in Bed Stuy, Brownsville, East New York, Far Rockaway, Harlem, Jamaica, northern Staten Island, and the South Bronx

How to apply: NeON Works accepts interest forms on a rolling basis. Sign up [here](#) to get connected to upcoming NeON Works opportunities near you.

Partnerships: NYC Department of Probation (DOP)

JOBS PLUS

About: An employment program for working-age NYCHA residents. It helps participants find work and keep more of their earned income. Jobs Plus offers job-related services, help with finances, and community support.

Eligibility: NYCHA residents who are old enough to work and live in one of the [27 developments](#) served can enroll in Jobs-Plus.

How to apply: To find out if Jobs-Plus is available at your NYCHA development and enroll, visit [NYCHA's Office of Resident Economic Empowerment & Sustainability \(REES\) website](#).

Partnerships: NYC Human Resources Administration (HRA) and NYC Housing Authority (NYCHA)

ADVANCE & EARN

About: A training and employment program that helps further your career through comprehensive High School Equivalency (HSE) test preparation, employer-recognized trainings, credentials and certifications, and paid internships.

Eligibility:

- Young people between the ages of 16 and 24 years old
- Residents of one of the five boroughs of New York City
- Currently not working or in school
- Willing to commit six months to the program
- Legally authorized to work in New York City

How to apply: There are two cohorts per year, September to January, and February to June. Providers are always accepting applications for the upcoming cohort. Click [here](#) to see a list of Advance & Earn Providers and their contract information. Not sure which provider to choose? Click [here](#) to complete our participant interest form and our staff will connect you to the right provider.

Partnerships: NYC Department of Youth & Community Development (DYCD)

LICENSE 2 CAREERS

About: A pre-apprenticeship initiative which supports disconnected youth in receiving their NYS Driver's License as well as places them into careers within the transportation sector.

Eligibility: Youth, ages 18-24, who are disconnected from school and the workforce

How to apply: Details coming soon.

Partnerships: NYC Small Business Services (SBS) and Center for Youth Employment (CYE)

How to plug in to YMI:

CUNY TUTOR CORPS

About: An innovative program that pays CUNY students to tutor DOE students in math and computer science. Click [here](#) to read some frequently asked questions.

Eligibility:

- Full-time CUNY student
- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- Have completed (or in progress) at least 12 credits of STEM or education courses

How to apply: Fall applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. Apply [here](#).

Partnerships: City University of New York (CUNY) and NYC Department of Education (DOE)

MENTORS MATTER: JUNIOR 100

About: The Junior 100 program is a 17-week youth leadership and career exposure program that focuses on career exploration, character development, personal growth, and mentorship. It provides educational enrichment as well as offers financial scholarships for post-secondary education. You can learn more about the Junior 100 program [here](#).

Eligibility: Students ages 12 to 24.

How to apply: Fill out the Junior One Hundred 2021-22 interest form [here](#).

Partnerships: One Hundred Black Men of New York

NYC MEN TEACH

About: Engages and recruits men of color to become teachers in New York City by providing early career support, professional development, mentoring, and network services. Click [here](#) to learn more about the program and [here](#) to learn about Men Teach at The City University of New York.

Eligibility:

- Interested in becoming a certified teacher in New York State
- Academically qualified with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Experience working/volunteering in urban communities
- Committed to working/teaching in a New York City public school.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the specific requirements and pathways.

How to apply: Click [here](#) to fill out the interest form.

Partnerships: City University of New York (CUNY) and NYC Department of Education (DOE)

PUBLIC HEALTH CAREER EXPLORATION PROJECT

About: An internship and enrichment program designed to promote public health career pathways amongst Black and Latinx youth.

Eligibility: High school or college student, between the ages of 16-21, with an interest in public health and lives in East or Central Brooklyn.

How to apply: The application will open in Spring 2022. Please follow our social media @NYCyoungmen and sign-up for our newsletter [here](#) for our latest information.

Partnerships: Department of Mental Health and Hygiene (DOHMH)



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COMMUNITY CRISIS RESPONSE INITIATIVE

About: Provides grants to local community-based organizations (CBOs) to provide mentoring, arts and culture, youth empowerment, and experiential learning opportunities to young people throughout the City. Learn more about funding details [here](#).

Eligibility: Open to all youth-serving organizations and nonprofits, but preference will be given to those that demonstrate a commitment to supporting marginalized youth in YMI priority communities and/or the NeON Communities.

In order to be eligible to apply, an organization must:

- Be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit or have a fiscal sponsor;
- Use funding exclusively to support NYC youth and young adults (ages 14- 25);
- Proven track record in implementing youth programming focused on mentoring, arts and culture, sports, youth empowerment, and experiential learning;
- Must have NYC vendor number

How to apply: Applications go live periodically at nyc.gov/ymifunding. Please follow our social media @NYCyoungmen and sign-up for our newsletter [here](#) for our latest information.

Partnerships: Neighborhood Opportunity Networks (NeONs)

CUNY FATHERHOOD ACADEMY

About: A free program designed to promote responsible parenting and economic stability for unemployed and underemployed fathers through education, employment, and personal development. The program provides a range of academic and personal supports including TASC (High School Equivalency test) preparation classes, tutoring, individualized counseling, parenting seminars, MTA Metrocards, and job preparation. The CFA offers two program tracks: HSE Prep and College Prep.

Eligibility:

- NYC Resident
- 18-30 years old
- Father or expectant father
- Must be committed to completing the program and abiding by program expectations and rule

High School Equivalency Prep

- Required 7th-grade reading level on the TABE test

College Prep

- Cannot currently be enrolled in college
- Limited to have a maximum of 12 college credits
- HS diploma, HSE diploma, or GED

How to apply: Apply to one of three colleges accepting open enrollment applications [here](#).

Partnerships: City University of New York (CUNY)

BROWNSVILLE SAFETY ALLIANCE (BSA)

About: BSA aims to offer resources within the Brownsville community to reduce gun violence in collaboration with community organizations and institutions, houses of worship and the NYPD. The event series serves as a positive, “occupy the block” resource fair for community groups to provide, collect, and exchange information with individuals who have been affected by gun violence.

How to apply: For opportunities to table at BSA events to support community safety, please email ymi@cityhall.nyc.gov