



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR
James Sanders Jr.

Calling All Youth; Sanders Seeks SYEP Applicants and College Interns

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Senator James Sanders Jr. (D-Rochdale Village) is proud to announce that for the third year in a row his office will be a host site for the NYC Summer Youth Employment Program. He encourages all eligible applicants to take advantage of this valuable opportunity to gain real world experience of government affairs in a professional work environment.

“I have long been a supporter of the Summer Youth Employment Program, and believe it should be expanded so that more folk can get involved,” Sanders said. “This is an investment

in our future. As the philosopher Confucius said, 'If your plan is for one year, plant rice. If your plan is for ten years, plant trees. If your plan is for one hundred years, educate children.'"

The deadline to apply for SYEP is April 15, 2016. Applications can be submitted online through the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development at <https://application.nycsyep.com/> Participants are chosen by lottery.

We also encourage community businesses and organizations to **become a SYEP host site** and share their knowledge and expertise with our young people. Applications can be submitted online at

<https://worksitpreapp.nycsyep.com/Pages/SystemAccess/Default.aspx>

SYEP is open to New York City youth between the ages of 14 and 24 and offers up to six weeks of paid employment during July and August at a variety of entry-level jobs including positions at government agencies, hospitals, summer camps, non-profits, small businesses, law firms, museums, sports enterprises and retail organizations.

"The best way to learn is by doing, and the best way to start is with a position at a local business or organization," Sanders said. "These jobs build experience and character and may ignite a passion in a field that becomes a future career."

In addition to being a SYEP site, Senator Sanders' Office also hosts an unpaid **college internship program**. Matriculating college students within the five boroughs will be able to earn college credit while gaining experience in office administration, economic development, research and writing, social media and event planning.

Applicants should have an interest in politics, leadership or civic engagement. Students who are majoring in urban planning, public administration, political science and sociology are especially encouraged to apply.

Those who are interested must send a resume and cover letter via email to hamm@nysenate.gov or via fax at 718-523-3670. Please be advised that a GPA of 2.5 and permission from your academic department may be required by your institution.

“Last summer, we had the privilege of working with some of the best and brightest from our community,” Sanders said. “I look forward to having an even better experience this year. I cannot wait to meet the future leaders who will walk through our doors.”