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Youth Summer Jobs

CHA residents ages 13-24 can get paid to explore careers!

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Program Overview

CHA's Summer Youth Employment Program gives young people a chance to work and earn money for six to eight weeks. It usually starts in June and goes until early August. Participants can work up to 20 hours each week.

Past careers have included filmmaking, photography, culinary arts, cosmetology, basketball, entrepreneurship, and music production.

We encourage you to apply as soon as possible to increase your chances of getting into one of your top choices. The [most popular programs](#) fill up fast!

Benefits of the Program

- Earn money
- Develop professional skills
- Explore a potential career
- Have fun
- Make new friends

Eligibility for the Program

- Must be a current CHA resident. Non-CHA youth are ineligible to apply for CHA programs.
- Must be between 13-24 years old.

Getting Started

1. Learn about Available Programs.

Explore 2025 Available Programs or Attend a CHA Summer Youth Jobs Info Session. The 2025 Summer offerings include Be Your Own Boss, Movie and TV Scripts 101: Screenwriting from the Pros!, Summer of Code, and many other programs.

For detailed descriptions and requirements, check the [full list of programs](#).

2. Review Application Instructions.

[Read the details on how to apply here.](#)

3. Apply at OneSummerChicago.org.

[Click here to sign-up and complete your application.](#)

4. Check Your Email for an Interview or Offer starting in April.

5. Attend Your Interview.

6. Accept Your Offer and Submit Your Paperwork.

Don't lose your spot by forgetting to submit your paperwork!

Contact information: YouthOpportunities@thecha.org and 312-786-6930.

Similar programs you may be eligible for

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The Chicago Housing Authority teams up with the Chicago Park District to give memberships to CHA residents ages 6-12.