



Youth Leadership Program 2017 Student Application

Celebrating 10 Years of Youth Leadership Development

The North Carolina Community Development Initiative (the Initiative) invites applications for paid internships from rising high school seniors for its Youth Leadership Program. Available to students throughout the state, this program introduces students to the nonprofit sector and careers related to leadership and community economic development.

Each student will work with an assigned nonprofit organization within his or her local community for five weeks. This year there are 24 available slots for the internship.

This five-week, paid summer internship program includes:

- a meaningful work experience at a nonprofit organization in the student's home county
- leadership training and development sessions via Youth Leadership Academy in Raleigh area
- site visits and field trips to select businesses, academic institutions and other industry locations
- informal social activities during Youth Leadership Academy

About the Initiative

Founded in 1993, the N.C. Community Development Initiative drives innovation, investment and action to create prosperous, sustainable communities. The Initiative builds partnerships, leverages and invests resources, and creates a system of support for social enterprises who advance community economic development strategies. These strategies include affordable housing, job creation, and asset preservation. The Initiative and its certified CDFI lending subsidiary, Initiative Capital, support local and regional community economic development with financial investments, innovation, and leadership development. The Youth Leadership Program is just one element of the Initiative's overall focus on supporting talent and fostering success in the state's low-wealth communities.

Benefits of the Program

- **Valuable Work Experience**

The Youth Leadership Program offers students the opportunity to get real-world, paid work experience in a field of interest. This experience will help students be competitive when pursuing future opportunities, including applying for college or future employment.

- **Career Insight**

Students gain valuable insight into the nonprofit sector. They actively take part in the day-to-day activities of professionals in the field, and get a sense of what it might be like to work in the nonprofit sector. Students are able to ask questions of industry professionals as well as understand how academics prepare them for practical application within society.

- **Leadership Development**

The Youth Leadership Academy features engaging leadership development training specifically targeted for high school students. Students are armed with tools to succeed as leaders and provided mentorship to maximize their internship experience with the aim of the students to be better prepared to take on upcoming challenges.

Schedule

The 2017 Youth Leadership Program will take place from **June 15 through July 28**. Students are expected to be at their host site Monday through Friday from 9:00AM to 5:00PM unless instructed otherwise by their supervisor. For the duration of the program, participants are expected to defer family vacations, extra-curricular activities and other jobs during the working hours.

Stipend and Expenses

A stipend of \$2,250 is awarded to interns over the five-week summer program. Interns are responsible for expenses, such as transportation to and from the local job site, lunch expenses while at work and travel to leadership sessions held in Raleigh, NC. Interns will need a chaperone for two of three overnight sessions held in Raleigh. Lodging and meal expenses for the overnight stays are paid by the Initiative.

Selection Process

Applicant must be:

- A rising high school senior in the 2017-2018 academic year in good standing (no minimum GPA required)
- A legal North Carolina resident
- At least sixteen years old

Selection is based on students:

- Overall Application
- Commitment to Continuing High School
- Community or School Involvement

Note: Selection is also based on the availability of placements at local organizations in the student's home county.

Review Process and Notification

Upon receipt of application materials, an acknowledgement email will be sent to the applicant. Selected applicants will be notified by **May 1, 2017**. All applicants will be notified of the Initiative's decision to select or decline an application.

Key Dates to Remember

Deadline to Apply.....	March 31, 2017
Notification of Selection.....	May 1, 2017
Deadline to Confirm / Deny Internship	May 8, 2017
Program Dates.....	June 15 - July 28, 2017

How to Apply?

Online (**PREFERRED METHOD**):

- Fill out and submit the application:
http://ncinitiative.formstack.com/forms/2017_student_application

OR

By Mail:

- Mail completed application

Mailing Address:

NC Community Development Initiative
Attn: 2017 Youth Leadership Program
P.O. Box 98148
Raleigh, NC 27624

Need More Information?

The N.C. Community Development Initiative thanks you for your interest in applying for this internship opportunity. You may visit our website at www.ncinitiative.org/youth for more details about the Youth Leadership Program, such as access for the online application and frequently asked questions.

Contact Information

For any questions or concerns, please reach out to:

Barron Damon
Program Facilitator
Phone: 919-858-6330
Email: grants@ncinitiative.org





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STUDENT INFORMATION					
First Name		Last Name		Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Address					
<i>City</i>		<i>State</i>		<i>Zip Code</i>	
Home Phone		Cell Phone		E-mail Address	
School Name		Expected Graduation Date		Current GPA	
I will be a rising high school senior on or before June 15, 2017. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
Ethnicity				How did you hear about the Youth Leadership Program?	
<input type="checkbox"/> African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Cuban <input type="checkbox"/> Korean <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rican <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino <input type="checkbox"/> Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Samoan <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> Guamanian <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese <input type="checkbox"/> Chicano <input type="checkbox"/> Indian <input type="checkbox"/> Other please specify _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese <input type="checkbox"/> Pakistani <input type="checkbox"/> Polynesian				<input type="checkbox"/> School/Guidance Counselor <input type="checkbox"/> Friend <input type="checkbox"/> Church <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer/Posted Advertisement <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Family Member <input type="checkbox"/> Other please specify _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Previous Intern	
Do you speak a language other than English?					
French <input type="checkbox"/> Novice <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Fluent Spanish <input type="checkbox"/> Novice <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Fluent German <input type="checkbox"/> Novice <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Fluent Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Novice <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Fluent					
PARENT /LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION					
First Name		Last Name		Relationship to Student	
Mailing Address					
<i>City</i>		<i>State</i>		<i>Zip Code</i>	
Home Phone		Cell Phone		E-mail Address	
COMMUNITY SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERISM					
Please list your involvement in any community service and volunteer activities.					
Community Service or Volunteer Activity	Name of Organization Event	Hours Per Week	Grade(s) Participated		
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 9th	<input type="checkbox"/> 10th	<input type="checkbox"/> 11th
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 9th	<input type="checkbox"/> 10th	<input type="checkbox"/> 11th

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Be as specific and complete as possible in answering the following questions. Please complete all areas in type or print legibly. Remember, incomplete applications may not be considered. **If necessary, please use a separate page and attach to application.**

1. What do you hope to gain from the Summer Youth Leadership Program? How do you think the Youth Leadership Program will help you to achieve your future goals?

2. What would you consider to be your strengths and weaknesses?

3. Tell us about an obstacle you have faced. What steps did you take or are currently taking to overcome it (i.e. personal hardships, financial, educational, health, etc.)?



INTERNSHIP AGREEMENT

I hereby certify that the facts contained in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Student (please print)

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian (please print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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