



THE MAYOR'S YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (MYEP)-

- Since 2011 – currently in 14th summer
- 942 students served over 14 years
- Current junior and senior high school - Stamford residents eligible
- 6-week program
 - a. 140 hours of paid work at \$15.69 an hour
 - b. 30 hours of work readiness class time

2023 VS 2024 MAYOR'S YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM RESULTS

	2024	2023	2022
APPLICANTS	119 (43% increase)	83 applications	73 applicants
INTERVIEWS	96 (60% increase)	60 interviews	49 interviews
NUMBER OF INTERNS	76 (17% increase from '23)	64 interns (33% increase from '22)	48 (35% increase from LY)
RETURNING STUDENTS	12 (16%) of total class	11 (17%) of the total class	9 (19%) of the total class
F&R	59% F&R	52% F&R	67% F&R
FIRST GENERATION	50% First Generation going to college	38% First Generation going to college	52% First Generation going to college
PUBLIC SCHOOLS	83%	95%	88%
WRIGHT TECH	7%	0%	2%
PRIVATE SCHOOL	4%	5%	8%
JUNIORS	62%	56%	69%
SENIORS	37%	44%	31%
CITY	34%	42%	50%
BUSINESS	26% (63% increase)	16%	19%
NON-PROFIT	21%	30%	17%
HOSPITAL	18%	13%	15%





ALL FUNDS GO TO INTERN SALARIES /Michelle Lappas- The Program Manager is the only city staff person.

The city provides Michelle Lappas salary in Youth Services and \$25,000 toward the program. The number of interns is determined by grant/business sponsorship and donation funding sourced by Youth Services.

NEW FUNDING FOR 2024: Grant donations cover 88% of costs

1. Awarded **\$20,000** from Summer of Jobs Connect Academy/Cities for Financial Empowerment for 2024. The CFE Fund is working with over 30 city governments to connect youth workers to appropriate bank and credit union products and meaningful financial education and is welcoming new local governments to this work through Summer Jobs Connect Academy. Provides funding for:
 - a. State IDs for students
 - b. Financial Literacy training
 - c. Funds for an administrative app to support the program
 - d. Bus passes
 - e. Connect 21% of students who were **non-banked** to one of four community bank **Youth Safe** account Partners (M&T, Bank of America, Savings Bank of Danbury, and Sound Federal Credit)
2. Awarded **\$20,800** from the partnership with SPS ALTA (supporting Hispanic students) for sponsorship of 10 students
3. Awarded **\$30,000** from a Private Family Foundation grant after hearing about the program
4. Working with Bank of America to support small businesses to student interns through grant funding (Dr. McClean, Elm Consulting, EazyPrickz, Tiffany Outdoor, and Ordered Steps Day Care) - **\$15,000**. (This is the first year BofA focused funding on small business - supporters of MYEP since 2013)

Leadership Class: (workforce curriculum and speakers)

1. Workplace Safety - from the City of Stamford Risk Department
2. Human Resources - Rules & Regulations of Employment from the City of Stamford Human Resources Staff
3. Essential Skills - National Association of Employers & Colleges - United Way Cradle to Career Team
4. Financial Literacy - from Bank of America
 - Public Speaking - Sacred Heart University Director of Student Success
 - UConn Stamford - Admission Process and Picking a Major - Director of Admissions
 - Dress for Success, Social Media Pros/Cons
 - Resume and LinkedIn coaching and editing

Students will leave with:

1. Essential Skills Tracker
2. Resume (coached)
3. LinkedIn (coached)
4. NACE Evaluation with a supervisor using Essential Skills

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Mayor

