

Welcome to the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) Summer Paid Youth Opportunities Application! The application is a fast and easy way for CHA youth to search and apply online for academic and career exploration programs offered during the summer. The purpose of this Quick Reference Guide is to provide applicants guidance on how to apply for CHA summer paid youth opportunities via the online application.

## **Getting Started:**

In order to apply to CHA paid summer youth opportunities, you must first login to the application and verify CHA residency.

- I. To do this, enter the URL <a href="https://youth.thecha.org">https://youth.thecha.org</a> into your browser's address bar to access the application home page. Login to the <a href="https://youth.thecha.org">application</a> using the:
  - Applicant's Client ID number
  - Last 4 digits of Head of Household's Social Security Number (SSN)
  - Applicant's Date of Birth (DOB)
- 2. Enter text into all required fields and click the Sign In button
  - Date of birth should be entered in MM/DD/YYYY format e.g. 01/22/2000
  - If you are unsure of the information requested, it is recommended that you check with your parent/guardian or, in some cases, your Property Manager, FamilyWorks provider or HCV Satellite Office for assistance





Thank you for your interest in Chicago Housing Authority Summer Youth Opportunities!

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BMO Harris Bank - Be Your Own Boss Program	This program is designed to teach current high school create a unique personal business venture. Defaul University's Management & Entrepreneurship Department through a fun technology based media platform, inhance through a fun technology based media platform, inhance leadership from aports franchises and learn what I tokes to lead the support of the program is for als weeks and	Sophomores and Juniors in High School	April 30, 2017
CHA Program in Game & Graphic Design	In this program, participants will be guided to develop their creative voices to effect change and introduce ideas to others. We will focus on journaling and self-exploration to create graphic design, games and interactive experiences. The program is for xix weeks and participants can earn up to \$600.	Juniors and Seniors in High School	April 30. 2017
Chicago Police Department Neighborhood Youth Corps	The Chicago Police Department Neighborhard Youth Curps introduces students, ages 15 - 15, to carriers to leve officers. The program features field trips, community services progress are described by the program of th	∆ൃഷ 15 - 18	April 30, 2017
Documentary Filmmaking Program for Girls	With the help of Dehaul University faculty and guest professional fillimmakers, high school girls, sophomores and juniors, receive nativetion and training on hew to produce a weep participants will explore visual storytelling and get experience in camera operation, production sound, lighting and production in camera operation, production sound, lighting and professional professional storytelling \$400.	Female Sophomores and Juniors in High School	April 30, 2017
Learn and Farn	Learn and Earn aims to prevent summer learning loss through engaging occidence enrichment and earlier through engaging occidence enrichment and earlier through the engage of the engage	13-15	April 30, 2017
Museum and Public Art Internship	Participants in this program will work alongship related in Manuary of Art anhatism are springles and to their mountains of Art anhatism are springles and to their mountains for a children are springles and to their mountains of architecture, design, and public art. They will organization to research the histones and current context their horizones to research the histones and current context their horizones. So the participants over responses and the oreation of a public art work. He program is for six	Sophomores and Juniors in High School	April 30, 2017
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Summer Youth Employment Program	The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) helps young people, siges 10 - 27, to gain paid work experience young people, siges 10 - 27, to gain paid work experience non-profit organizations throughout the city, Participants explore careers, build employability skills and financial literacy over the course of seven weeks during the summer Carticipants can earn as Thours, 20 - 20 - 20 - 20 - 20 - 20 - 20 - 20	16-24	May 14, 201/

To complete your online application, you will need:

- To be Chicago Housing Authority public housing residents or Housing Choice Voucher (formerly known as Section 8) program participants
   Your Client ID number, the best 4 digits of the Head of Household's Social Security Number and
- years old as of June 26, 2017)

  To have a valid email address

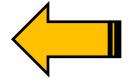
  The name and telephone number of another adult (i.e. parent, grandparent, neighbor/family





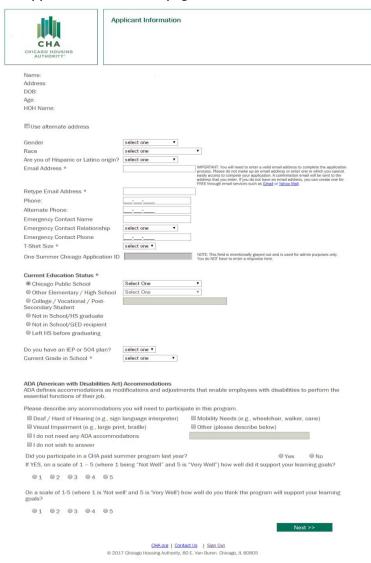
## **Entering Applicant Information:**

- 3. Once logged into the application, the following fields will be reflected at the top of the page and automatically populate with information pulled from CHA's public housing and housing choice voucher client database:
  - Name
  - Address
  - Date of birth (DOB)
  - Age
  - Head of Household (HOH) Name



This information cannot be changed by the applicant

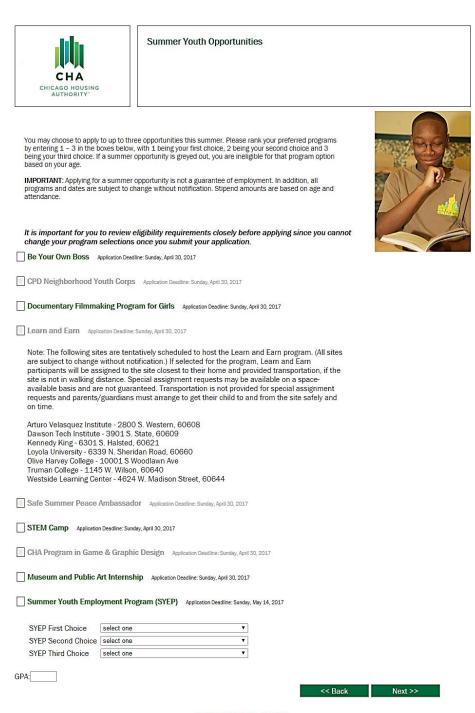
- 4. The remaining fields will request additional information from the applicant
  - a. Applicants must fill in all required fields as indicated by the asterisk (\*) and as many optional fields as desired
- 5. Upon completion of the applicant information page, click the **Next** button





# **Selecting Summer Youth Opportunities**

6. Applicants may choose to apply to up to three opportunities and will rank preferred programs by entering I-3 in the boxes next to the program name (if a summer opportunity is greyed out, the applicant is ineligible for that program option based on age). Note: The applicant must meet the program's minimum age requirement by June 26, 2017.



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- 7. Applicants, ages 16 24, can also select up to three career interest categories for the Summer Youth Employment Program
  - Childcare
  - Custodial and Facility Maintenance
  - Education and Teaching
  - Food Services and Restaurant
  - Government and Public Service
  - Grounds Keeping and Landscaping
  - Healthcare
  - Information Technology
  - Journalism and Television

- Justice and Law
- Library Services
- Office and Clerical Services
- Performing Arts
- Sports and Physical Education
- Veterinary Services and Animal Care
- Visual Arts and Design
- Urban Farming and Environmental Conservation
- 8. Upon selection of the desired opportunities and/or career interest categories, click the **Next** button



# **Troubleshooting**

• An error message may appear in bold red font indicating the applicant cannot select the same item order twice --- To resolve this issue, double check program rankings to ensure that programs are not ranked with the same number choice

# Completing the essay questions

We want to get to know you as well as possible through the application. The essay response is an important part of the selection process as it helps us to learn more about the applicant in his/her own words and gain insight into the applicant's personality and goals.

9. Depending on program selections, applicants may be required to draft and submit a brief essay response. Applicants are encouraged to include lots of details. The traits of a strong essay include one that demonstrates thoughtfulness and creativity. Encourage applicants to prepare essay responses in advance. Responses should not be rushed since they are important criteria for program selection. Once the session times out, partial responses cannot be recovered. Essay responses must be a minimum of 150 words and no more than 825 words (300 - 1650 characters).





Essay Questions

In the space provided, please answer the mandatory essay question(s) below. Your response is an important part of the selection process as it helps us to get to know more about you in your own words and gain insight into your personality and goals. Remember to take your time when responding and include lots of details. The traits of a strong essay include one that demonstrates thoughtfulness and creativity.

NOTE: Your responses will not be saved until you have submitted the completed application and agreed to the CHA terms and conditions. Partial applications will not be saved. You have 90 minutes to complete the essay.

Essay responses must be a minimum of 150 words and no more than 825 words (300 - 1650 characters).

Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) - (this essay is optional)
Write an essay explaining why a decision you made was the right one.
You have entered characters for your essay
Museum and Public Art Internship
Please share how you normally navigate and move through space in your everyday life. And how does art/design/music/etc. impact those journeys?
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You have entered characters for your essay
Be Your Own Boss
If you became an entrepreneur and started your own business, what kind of company would it be? Describe what three
important skills you would need to be successful and why?
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# A complete list of essay questions is below:

# **BMO Harris Bank - Be Your Own Boss Program**

If you became an entrepreneur and started your own business, what kind of company would it be? Describe what three important skills you would need to be successful and why?

# CHA Program in Game & Graphic Design

We use art and play as ways to confirm and strengthen our understanding of culture and our place in it. Please write an essay describing how you would create play (either a game or toy), or create art (image or music), or something in between, to convey a tough idea or experience from your perspective.

# **Chicago Police Department Neighborhood Youth Corps**

Write an essay explaining how you would make your community a better place to live.

# **Documentary Filmmaking for Girls**

A documentary is a non-fiction film that "documents" or captures some aspects of reality. Write an essay explaining how creating a documentary about any social issues that impacts your life and/or community could be a positive experience.

### Learn and Earn

Name one thing you do really well. Give lots of details telling why.

# Museum and Public Art Internship

Please share how you normally navigate and move through space in your everyday life. And how does art/design/music/etc. impact those journeys?

## Safe Summer Peace Ambassador

Describe what it takes for a person to earn your respect. We all admire someone for their leadership skills. It might be a teacher, friend or family member. Pick one person whom you admire for their leadership skills and write about the traits that make them special and how they have influenced you in some way.

## STEM Camp

STEM stands for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. What do you find most interesting about STEM? If you were selected for this opportunity, what do you hope to learn?

## Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) - Note: This essay is optional

Write an essay explaining why a decision you made was the right one.

# **Troubleshooting**

- Essay responses that do not meet the minimum requirements will result in an error message that appears in bold red font --- To resolve this issue, ensure that responses are between 300 1650 characters long
- It's important to note that the application will do the counting and inform the applicant of how many characters have been entered in the space provided



10. Upon completion of the essay question(s), click the **Next** button

# **Confirming Program Selections**

The final step in the application process is confirmation of program selections and review of CHA's terms and conditions

- 11. To make changes to program selections, applicants can click the **Back** button to return to the Summer Youth Opportunities page
- 12. If there are no changes, applicants must check the certification box and click the **Submit** button



Confirm Selections

Please review your program selections below and confirm your selections by clicking Submit. If you would like to change your selections, click back and update your preferences.

\*Remember that you cannot change your program selections once you submit your application.

Name: Address:

DOB: Age:

HOH Name:

Program Selections: 1.Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)

2. Museum and Public Art Internship

3.Be Your Own Boss

SYEP Selections: Education and Teaching

Performing Arts

Veterinary Services and Animal Care

### **Application Certification**

By checking the box below, I certify that the information submitted is true and correct. I understand that the information is subject to verification and falsifying information may be grounds for disqualification. I also understand that as the applicant, I am encouraged to personally complete this application since changes to program selections cannot be made once the application is submitted. I understand that applying for a summer opportunity does not guarantee me a summer job.

■ I have read the above statement and would like to submit my 2017 CHA Paid Summer Youth Opportunities application



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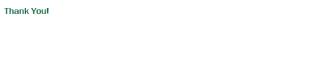


## Thank You!

Once the application is submitted, a confirmation will appear on the screen confirming that the application was successfully submitted

- 13. To print a copy of the page, click the **Print** button
- 14. An email with the same application submission confirmation is automatically sent to the email address provided by the applicant (see example on pages 9-10 of this guide)





#### APPLICANT NAME

Thank you for applying for CHA summer youth opportunities. Your application was received and an email confirming your program selections was sent to sfrance@thecha.org. Check your junk mail/spam folders if the confirmation email does not appear in your inbox.

- You have selected the following programs:

  1. Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)

  2. Museum and Public Art Internship
- 3. Be Your Own Boss

SYEP Category:

Education and Teaching Performing Arts Veterinary Services and Animal Care

### WHAT'S NEXT?

Your application will be reviewed and if selected, you will be contacted in the month of June (via email or phone) to attend an interview, orientation and/or job readiness training. Remember that there are more youth applying than there are openings.

### ARE YOU PAYDAY READY?

This summer, you will have access to the <u>LRNG</u> website, where you can complete a series of online activities (called a Playlist) to help you make the most of your paycheck.

You will learn financial tips and tricks to manage your money and save for the future. When you successfully complete the Be Payday Ready Playlist, you will earn a digital badge, which is like a digital certificate to represent a learning achievement. When you earn the badge, you will have a chance to apply for financial education scholarships and win prizes.

Also, depending on the program in which you participate, your stipend or wages will be paid through a debit card or Direct Deposit

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Learn more about banking, direct deposit and your payday at LRNGCHA.org.

### INTERESTED IN EXPLORING OTHER SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES?

Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee you will receive an interview or job, but we strongly encourage you to apply for other opportunities that you may know about in your community, or that a teacher, friend or family member has shared with you

- Be sure to explore the One Summer Chicago website. The resource section offers valuable information on topics ranging from how to prepare for an interview, to opening a bank account and applying to college. Mayor Rahm Emanuel's One Summe Chicago brings together government institutions, community-based organizations and companies to offer over 25,000 employment and internship opportunities to youth and young adults ages 14 to 24. To learn more or apply, visit onesummerchicago.org
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From: YouthOpportunities@thecha.org Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 8:41 AM

To: APPLICANT, JANE

**Subject:** CHA Summer Youth Application Confirmation

Dear JANE APPLICANT

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