



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 you in your own words and gain insight into your personality and goals. Depending on your program selection, we ask that you respond to the topics below.

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.

Your responses should be a minimum of 150 words and no longer than 825 words.

PROGRAM NAME	ESSAY TOPICS
<b>Chicago Police Department Neighborhood Youth Corps</b>	Write an essay explaining how you would make your community a better place to live.
<b>Documentary Filmmaking for Girls</b>	A documentary is a non-fiction film that often times brings attention to social topics or people that are not covered in traditional media. Write an essay about a social topic or person you would want to make a film about and why.
<b>Game &amp; Graphic Design</b>	You will use digital art and game play as ways to confirm and strengthen your understanding of culture and your place in it. Write an essay describing the creative forms you are drawn to (gaming, graphic design, storytelling, music) and an experience or perspective you would like to convey through that art form.
<b>"Hammer, Meet Nail" Design Into Action</b>	Participation in this program requires an ability to communicate and collaborate effectively within a group, while also sharing your own thoughts and opinions. Please describe a situation where you have worked well with a group and what the results were (this can be an art project, or something you did for school, work, church, club, family, or other).
<b>Learn and Earn</b>	Name one thing you do really well. Give lots of details telling why.
<b>Movie and TV Scripts 101: Screenwriting from the Pros!</b>	You will use your personal experiences to write a short screenplay. In your essay, tell us your favorite film and what makes it special. Then, provide a summary for the type of film you would like to write and why.
<b>Safe Summer Peace Ambassador</b>	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.
<b>Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)</b>	N/A

### Questions?

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