

# Summer Options 2016

## Guide Book



**Breakthrough**  
of Greater Philadelphia

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**Dear Breakthrough Students and Families,**

**Summer can be a wonderful time to explore new interests and try new programs. We have loved working with you in our own summer programs and hope that you will consider another meaningful opportunity for this summer. We have included a listing of free and low cost summer programs throughout Philadelphia and on college campuses around the country. For those programs with a significant fee, financial aid opportunities are available. Please read through these options and see if they are right for you. If you do not see a program that mirrors your interests, please contact us and we will try to find something that aligns closer to your interests. Many of the deadlines are approaching quickly, so pay attention and apply as soon as you can. We will continue to advertise programs as we become aware of them. We hope you have a wonderful and enriching summer in 2016!**

**Best,**

**The BT Team**

# Residential Programs

## Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week

**Description:** Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week (PFEW) is a week-long, residential summer opportunity at Lycoming College for you to find the answers to questions about how to run a business and so much more! Your generation faces a fast-paced, business-oriented world that is constantly changing to meet the demands of the future. Change can be very intimidating, but with practical tools and appropriate knowledge, what seems intimidating can become exciting. PFEW will help you pave your road to success!

**Eligibility:** Students must be residents of Pennsylvania who are currently sophomores or juniors in high school.

**Application:** [https://www.pfew.org/student\\_application.php](https://www.pfew.org/student_application.php)

**Cost:** \$285 registration fee (financial aid available)

**Deadline:** April 8, 2016

## Camp College

**Description:** Camp College is an intensive three day/two night workshop designed for 60 rising high school seniors and juniors. Paired with mentors, participants will learn about all aspects of the college search and application process, experience life in the residence halls, learn about financial aid, standardized test exams and have a lot of fun! At the end of Camp College, we expect that the students will be equipped with the tools to navigate the college application process.

**Eligibility:** Students must be rising high school juniors or seniors attending a Pennsylvania high school with at least a 2.5 GPA.

**Application:**

<https://pacac.memberclicks.net/assets/docs/final%20final%20camp%20college%202016%20%20student%20application.pdf>

**Cost:** Selected applicants need to cover the cost of transportation to Albright College.

**Deadline:** May 13, 2016

## ACLU Summer Institute

**Description:** The ACLU's Summer Advocacy Institute will bring together a diverse group of students entering their junior and senior years of high school from across the United States to participate in an advanced, firsthand learning experience for the next generation of social justice advocates. Through an intensive 7-day program, students will learn directly from lawyers, lobbyists, community activists,

journalists, and other experts working to defend the civil rights and liberties critical to a free and open society.

**Eligibility:** Students must be rising juniors or seniors in high school.

**Application:** <https://action.aclu.org/secure/summer-institute-application>

**Cost:** \$2,100 fee but full scholarships are available (including the cost of transportation) based on financial need. Students applying for financial aid should email [summerinstitute@aclu.org](mailto:summerinstitute@aclu.org) to request an application fee waiver as well.

**Deadline:** Rolling admission, so apply as quickly as possible.

## Free Commuter Programs

### Penn Summer Scholars Program

**Description:** The Penn Summer Scholars Program is a tuition-free opportunity for academically exceptional Philadelphia public and charter high school students to perform study beyond the level offered in high school and to gain a college experience through participation in a Penn Summer Academy.

**Eligibility:** Students must be in 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, or 11<sup>th</sup> grades attending Philadelphia public or charter schools who have at least a 3.3 GPA.

**Application:** <https://www.sas.upenn.edu/summer/programs/highschool/apply>

**Deadline:** Rolling admissions through May so apply as soon as possible.

## Paid Jobs and Internships

### WorkReady Philadelphia: Summer Work Experience

**Description:** The WorkReady campaign is a cross-sector, citywide initiative dedicated to improving the economic outcomes of the region's youth by attracting, aligning, and investing resources in coordinated, youth-workforce-development programs. Summer Work Experience models offer educationally-enriched work opportunities to in-school and out of school youth ages 14-21. Participants complete a six-week (120 hour), paid work experience that fosters the acquisition of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills through work-based learning. These models challenge youth to understand the correlations between such variables as work experience, skill attainment and high school completion and how those variables impact their potential for college and career success. Additionally, they offer participants a pathway for credit attainment within the School District of Philadelphia. Opportunities are offered through one of three program models: **service-learning, work experience, and internships.**

**Eligibility:** Students must be Philadelphia residents between the ages of 14 and 21.

**Application:**

[https://summerapp.workreadyphila.org/index.cfm?method=main.login&enrollment\\_year=2016&enrollment\\_type=Summer&organization\\_id=1](https://summerapp.workreadyphila.org/index.cfm?method=main.login&enrollment_year=2016&enrollment_type=Summer&organization_id=1)

**Salary:** Varies, but approximately minimum wage.

**Deadline:** Admission is rolling so apply as soon as possible.

### The Fabric Workshop and Museum High School Apprenticeship Program

**Description:** As one of the original programs of The Fabric Workshop and Museum, the High School Apprentice Training Program offers students the opportunity to learn all aspects of hand screen-printing on fabric. In FWM's professional studios, students design and print their own fabric yardage and assist staff in the production of artist residency projects. Hand screen-printing is an art form as well as an industrial skill, and the program is designed to provide students with new tools for artistic expression and self-empowerment.

**Eligibility:** Must be a high school student living in the Philadelphia area.

**Application:** [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1kFXQdJ8zhJ1niBIVt1RfXgea7i6Wb\\_FpBi-P\\_cWq7Uc/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1kFXQdJ8zhJ1niBIVt1RfXgea7i6Wb_FpBi-P_cWq7Uc/viewform)

**Salary:** Minimum wage

**Deadline:** April 14, 2016

# Unpaid Jobs and Internships

## Mayor's Internship Program

**Description:** The City of Philadelphia's Mayor's Internship Program (MIP) is an opportunity for rising juniors, seniors, recent college graduates, and graduate-level students to learn about and contribute to the 5th largest municipality in the US. MIP boasts the best and brightest students from around the nation to come to Philadelphia every summer and see all the great opportunities the City has to offer.

MIP is a ten-week, unpaid internship beginning June 6, 2016, and ending August 12, 2016. MIP consists of three main components: a departmental internship, "Exploring Government" activities every Friday morning, and a group project Friday afternoons.

**Eligibility:** Applicants must have finished their sophomore years by the program start or be graduate-level students in order to apply.

**Application:** <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/15dZz0K0qHGnb11nS7BdwhNy0zWmH6JY1JgIGVWVj-zk/viewform>

**Deadline:** April 15, 2016

## St Christopher's Hospital for Children Volunteer Opportunities

**Description:** At St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, volunteers are an important part of the special care given to our young patients and their families. St. Christopher's draws volunteers from all areas of life; many are professionals, retirees, married couples, or students. Some give only a few hours a week of their valuable time and others volunteer several days a week. Volunteers may select the work setting they desire: some may work directly with patients, while others may volunteer in a service department that supports patient care.

**Eligibility:** Volunteers must be at least 15-years-old, provide documentation of immunization records, agree to a criminal background check, and contribute a minimum of four hours per week.

**Application:**

<http://www.stchristophershospital.com/userfiles/Volunteer%20App%20Packet%20071913.pdf>

**Deadline:** Rolling admission so apply as quickly as possible.

## Spells Writing Lab Volunteer Opportunities

**Description:** The Spells Writing Lab promotes literacy for individuals in Philadelphia. The organization needs volunteers for its programs.

**Eligibility:** Open to anyone

**Application:** <http://phillyspells.org/volunteer/form/>

**Deadline:** Rolling admission so apply as quickly as possible

### **Free Library of Philadelphia**

**Description:** Volunteering at the Free Library of Philadelphia is a rewarding and fun experience. We have many opportunities at Parkway Central Library and all of our neighborhood library locations throughout the city, including the Library for the Blind and the Physically Handicapped. Our volunteers help us with special events; assist Philadelphia's New Americans gain familiarity with a new language by acting as an English Language Facilitator; help departments maintain their collections; provide senior citizens with one-on-one with computer assistance; and help to shelve both new and returned material.

**Eligibility:** Volunteers must be at least 14 years of age who can volunteer at least 1-3 hours a week for 2-3 months.

**Application:** <http://freelibrary.org/volserv/VolunteerAppl.pdf>

**Deadline:** Rolling admission so apply as quickly as possible