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## ***Applications Now Open for Coveted Jersey City Youth Works Initiative***

*Since 2014, over 3,000 youth ages 15-24 have participated in the Jersey City Youth Works Initiative*

JERSEY CITY – **Mayor Steven M. Fulop** announced today the opening of the [online application process](#) for summer youth employment opportunities, under the ***Jersey City Youth Works***, a multi-program initiative that has provided more than 3,000 youth, ages 15-24 years old, with meaningful summer employment and enrichment opportunities since its inception in 2014.

“Summer jobs are essential learning tools for our youth, and this program exemplifies our broader goals for the newly restructured Department of Recreation and Youth Services to go beyond athletics to provide meaningful mentorship, skills training and activities that promote healthy and positive development into adulthood,” said **Mayor Fulop**. “By teaching them professional development through real-world experiences, we are working towards empowering our young adults and ultimately, strengthening our community as a whole.”

The Jersey City Youth Works initiative under the Department of Recreation and Youth Works includes:

- ***City Youth Jobs***, which offers a wide range of summer positions for city youth within the Department of Recreation & Youth Development, Department of Public Works, the Jersey City Public Libraries, and other city offices.
- ***Jersey City Summer Arts Program***, which offers students an outlet to express their artistic creativity through various educational and enrichment opportunities.

The City Youth Jobs initiative is JC Youth Works’ largest jobs program under the ***Department of Recreation & Youth Development***. Positions are available for residents, ages 15 – 24, in areas such as junior/senior camp counselors, recreation aides, lifeguards, locker room attendants, security guards, as well as other job positions.

"This opportunity gave me first-hand experience at a real job. I had the chance to work at the Tax Assessor’s office for six weeks, and soon after, they made me an offer to stay on the team,” said **Sandy Missiha, 20, a 2019 Jersey City Youth Works participant**. “Youth Works taught me how to network with professionals and enhance my resume. This job gave me confidence to pursue my future career because it helped refine my professional, networking, and interpersonal skills."

Residents can submit applications for City Youth Jobs through the [Jersey City Youth Works website](#). The application process to City Youth Jobs begins with the online application open through March 31, 2020. Individuals who are selected will then be interviewed by representatives of participating organizations. For more information, please visit [www.jerseycityyouthworks.org](http://www.jerseycityyouthworks.org).

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