Instructions

Thank you for your interest in applying for a summer job. One Summer Chicago (OSC) is part of Mayor Lightfoot’s My CHI. My Future. initiative, helping young people in Chicago get connected to fun and meaningful programs and opportunities across the city.

OSC offers a diverse and exciting range of work opportunities from exploring careers in nutrition and tree care to working for an area business. There are numerous job opportunities that will hopefully meet your personal and career interests.

To participate in the majority of programs listed on this application, you must live in the City of Chicago and be between the ages of 16 and 24 prior to the start of your job.

If you're not 16, there are also opportunities for you. You may be eligible for the following programs:

- **After School Matters**
  An apprenticeship program available to 14 & 15 year olds (work permit not required)

- **Chicago Housing Authority**
  An opportunity for work experience for 13, 14 & 15 year olds (work permit not required)

- **Chicago Department of Family and Support Services**
  An opportunity for work experience for 14 & 15 year olds (work permit not required)

If you are **under 18** and are selected to participate, you will be asked to have a consent form signed by your parent or guardian, giving you permission to participate.

Remember that there are more youth applying to OSC than there are openings. We cannot guarantee you will receive an interview or job. 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.

Want to find out about other summer opportunities? Need to make a 'Plan B'? If you agree to let OSC share your information with My Chi. My Future., you can discover and connect to other programs, events, and activities for you to do this summer and throughout the year. Your information is kept private. Join us by selecting YES to the question, 'Would you be interested in hearing from My CHI. My Future. about other summer and year-round opportunities?' at the end of your OSC application. You can also check out opportunities and events happening in your community now at mychimyfuture.org

Start early and open a bank account. You will then be ready to enroll in direct deposit - if you are hired, to receive your pay more quickly, securely and for free! You can request for more information about this later in your application.

If you have any questions about the application process or program, feel free to email OneSummerChicago@cityofchicago.org or call our hotline at 312.743.0208.

We hope that you have a great summer!

The One Summer Chicago Partners
Contact Information
If your application is selected, someone will contact you at the number or email address you enter below.

First Name* ____________________________ Middle Name* ____________________________ Last Name* ____________________________

Email* ____________________________

Address
Tell us where you will be living this summer or where you will staying most frequently.

Address Number* ____________________________ Street Direction* ____________________________ Street Name* ____________________________ Unit # ____________________________

City* ____________________________ State* ____________________________ Zip Code* ____________________________

Phone
Primary Phone Number* ____________________________ ____________________________ ____________________________

Alternate Phone Number ____________________________ ____________________________ ____________________________

Can One Summer Chicago send you text messages? ○ Yes ○ No

Alternate Contact
We'll use this information to contact you if your application is selected and we cannot reach you.

First Name* ____________________________ Last Name* ____________________________

What is your relation to this person?*

○ Mother / Stepmother ○ Foster Parent

○ Father / Stepfather ○ God Parent

○ Guardian ○ Case Worker

○ Grandparent ○ Group Home

○ Aunt / Uncle ○ Probation Officer

○ Sibling ○ Other Caring Adult

Primary Phone Number* ____________________________ ____________________________ ____________________________

Alternate Phone Number ____________________________ ____________________________ ____________________________

Email ____________________________

* required field
About You
Tell us a little bit about yourself!

Gender* ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Non-Binary ☐ Choose Not To Identify

Birth Date* [_________]

Hispanic*
☐ Hispanic ☐ Non-Hispanic

Race*
☐ American Indian / Alaska Native ☐ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
☐ Asian ☐ White
☐ Black/African-American ☐ Two or more races
☐ Middle Eastern/Northern African ☐ Choose Not To Identify

ADA (American with Disabilities Act) Accommodations
ADA defines accommodations as modifications and adjustments that enable employees with disabilities to perform the essential functions of their job.

Are you a person with a disability?
☐ Yes ☐ No

Please describe any ADA accommodations you will need to participate in this program.
☐ Deaf / Hard of Hearing (e.g., sign language interpreter) Medical Condition
☐ Physical / Mobility Needs (e.g., wheelchair, walker, cane)
☐ Visual Impairment (e.g., large print, braille)
☐ Other (please describe below)
☐ I do not need any ADA accommodations
☐ I do not wish to answer

Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) Resident
You are a resident if your family currently receives a Housing Choice Voucher - formerly Section 8 rental assistance - through CHA or if you live in CHA public housing.

CHA residents have additional summer opportunities that can be only accessed by entering your last name, birth date, and last 4 digits of your social security number.

Are you a CHA resident?*
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I'm not sure

If you are a CHA resident, then provide the last 4 digits of youth applicant’s Social Security Number for verification purposes.*

Last 4 of SSN* [_________]

* required field
Supplemental Information
In order to facilitate our record-keeping processes, please complete the information below.

Do you have a Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Number (ITIN)?
☐ I have a Social Security Number (SSN)
☐ I have an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)
☐ I do not have a SSN or ITIN
☐ I don’t know

Do you have a state issued identification card (e.g., State ID, Drivers License)?
☐ Yes  ☐ No

Number of people in your household (including you)
☐ 1  ☐ 5
☐ 2  ☐ 6
☐ 3  ☐ 7
☐ 4  ☐ 8 or more

Estimated household income in 2021
☐ I do not know
☐ Less than $21,999
☐ Between $22,000 and $29,249
☐ Between $29,250 and $36,499
☐ Between $36,500 and $43,749
☐ Between $43,750 and $50,999
☐ Between $51,000 to $58,249
☐ Between $58,250 to $65,549
☐ Between $65,550 to $72,799
☐ Between $72,800 to $78,649
☐ Between $78,650 to $84,459
☐ Between $84,450 to $90,299
☐ Between $90,300 to $96,099
☐ Over $96,100

Please select any that apply.
☐ English as a Second Language
☐ Connected to foster care system (e.g., group home)
☐ Experiencing homelessness / unstably housed
☐ Involved in the juvenile justice system (e.g., arrest, juvenile case, probation, supervision)
☐ Currently out of school and out of work
☐ None of these apply
Education

Please complete the following questions about your educational background. Educational status does not impact employment.

Current educational status*: 

- Student in HS or below
- Student in GED Program
- Student in Trade School, Vocational Training
- Student in College
- Not attending school; GED Recipient
- Not attending school; HS Graduate
- Not attending school; Completed Trade School
- Not attending school; College Graduate
- Left HS before graduating
- Left Trade School/Certification Program
- Left College before graduating

Fill out the below section only if you are a HS student.

Current grade

What school are you currently attending?

CPS Student ID
(If attending a CPS school)

What is your goal after graduating high school*: 

- Go to a Vocational School
- Go to a 2 Year College
- Go to a 4 Year College
- Enter into Military Service
- Take a year off (Gap Year)
- I don’t know yet

Would you like to receive information about classes/programs offered at City Colleges of Chicago*: 

- Yes
- No
Opportunities
If your application is selected for One Summer Chicago, we want to match you to a job or program based on your interests. Please choose opportunities that interest you!

Please select the organization(s) that you are interested in working with this summer.*

- After School Matters
- Chicago Housing Authority
- Chicago Parks District
- City of Chicago | Dept of Family and Support Services
- City Colleges of Chicago
- Forest Preserve District of Cook County

Information on the Organizations (additional steps may be required)

**After School Matters**
After School Matters is a nonprofit organization that provides Chicago teens with afterschool activities through its Science, Sports, Tech, Words, and Gallery programs. After School Matters is offering internships and apprenticeships in arts, communications, technology, science, and sports.

*NOTE: They have a separate application where you will fill out a bit more information. When you submit this form, we will take you to the After School Matters application.*

**Chicago Housing Authority**
The Chicago Housing Authority provides homes to more than 50,000 families in the city of Chicago, and works to build and support healthy communities city-wide.

The CHA is offering summer opportunities that include the CPD Neighborhood Youth Corps, information technology, the Freelance Coder Camp, the Learn and Earn career exploration program, and the Safe Summer Peace Ambassador Program.

**City Colleges of Chicago**
City Colleges of Chicago offers summer internships within a department within one of the seven City Colleges of Chicago or partner organizations to assist in general administrative functions.

**Department of Family and Support Services**
Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS) offers youth ages 14-24 employment in many different settings.

Youth have the opportunity to work in businesses, government, community-based organizations across the city. In addition, everyone who is hired through DFSS has the chance to combine job experience with other areas of interest like arts or community service.

**Forest Preserves District of Cook County**
The Forest Preserves District of Cook County works to restore, manage, and protect public open nature spaces. This summer Forest Preserves and their partners will be offering lifeguard positions.

**Chicago Parks District**
Chicago Park District provides recreation opportunities for thousands of Chicagoans throughout the year. This summer we are looking for: Recreation Leaders to serve as camp counselors for our Summer Day Camp; Lifeguards to work at one of our many pools and beaches throughout the swim season; and more. Earn money while working with youth and serving your community.
Your Experience
Please share with us your work experience.

Are you currently working?*
☐ Yes, Full-time
☐ Yes, Part-time
☐ No, This would be my first job
☐ No

Please indicate how much work experience you have.*
☐ Less than 6 months
☐ Less than 1 year
☐ More than 1 year

Have you previously been employed through OSC?*
☐ Yes ☐ No

Your Money
Please share with us how you manage your money.

Please specify if you have any of the following bank accounts*
☐ Checking Account
☐ Savings Account
☐ I do not have a Bank Account

Did you open this account with your first job?*
☐ Yes ☐ No

Would you be interested in learning more about free banking options in your community?*
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I don’t know

Have you ever received a paper paycheck?*
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I don’t know

Have you ever used a check cashing service or currency exchange?*
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I don’t know

How would you describe your check cashing or currency exchange experience?*
☐ Positive ☐ Negative

Are you interested in learning more about direct deposit?*
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I don’t know

* required field
Your Career Interests

We would like to hear more about potential needs and concerns Chicagoans like you may be facing. This will help the City better understand how to provide the best possible services for youth.

When you think about your future career, which of these elements would you be most excited about?*

- [ ] Building and fixing things (architect, engineer, mechanic)
- [ ] Business (sales, marketing, entrepreneur)
- [ ] Customer /Human Service (hospitality, cosmetology, retail)
- [ ] Computers (web developer, programmer)
- [ ] Food (chef, baker, waiter/waitress)
- [ ] Healthcare (nurse, doctor, dentist)
- [ ] Helping your community (firefighter, social work)
- [ ] Law (judge, lawyer)
- [ ] Managing money (accountant, financial analyst)
- [ ] Math (electrical engineer, statistician)
- [ ] Media (film/video editor, graphic designer, reporter)
- [ ] Music and art (actor, artist, designer)
- [ ] Nature (landscape architect, veterinarian, zoologist)
- [ ] Reading and writing (librarian, reporter, writer)
- [ ] Science (chemist, pharmacist, physicist)
- [ ] Social studies (economist, historian, psychologist)
- [ ] Sports (coach, trainer, athlete)
- [ ] Teaching (teacher, counselor)
- [ ] Transportation (public transit, pilot, truck driver)

Which of the following professions best fit your career goals?*

[ ]
Please review your application.

Check your application to make sure everything is correct. Keep in mind, after submitting your application you will still be able to update your choices and/or information.

Would you be interested in hearing from My CHI. My Future. initiative about other summer and year-round opportunities?

☐ Yes. Please share my information with My CHI. My Future. limited to only: first name, last name, email, phone number, age, zip code, and career interest.

Would you be interested in being considered for other employment, job training, apprenticeship, and service-oriented (e.g., Chicago Youth Service Corps) opportunities?*

☐ Yes, I am interested.

I am also agreeing to share my information with One Summer Chicago partner organizations for the purpose of potential employment.

☐ Yes - I Agree!