



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

- **Who may apply for the program?** High School juniors, seniors and college freshman/sophomore ages 16 – 20 any student actively involved in a youth program.
- **Where do I turn in my application?** Online
- **Can I apply if I am 15 years old?** Yes. Only if your 16th birthday occurs by August 2019.
- **What is the application process?** Submit an application online, attend a personal interview, receive acceptance.
- **I attend or plan to go to college out of state or out of the city, should I apply?** Yes. If accepted, all workshops and work-based learning opportunities can be tailored to accommodate your college departure date.
- **What is considered a youth program?** Any community or school program that youth can join (*ex: ROTC, church youth group, Outward Bound Adventures, etc.*)
- **What is the length of the entire program?** Training Workshops - May (*Actual days to be provided during orientation*) Work-based learning opportunities: May – January
- **When are the work-based learning opportunities?** Typically weekends only.
- **Can I apply if I have a summer school, part-time job or sports?** Yes.
- **What if I do not have an email address, can I still apply?** Yes. However, all notifications and communication will be submitted through email **a valid email address is mandatory.**
- **How do I schedule my personal interview?** You will be notified of your interview date and time upon the acceptance of your completed application. **A personal interview does not guarantee acceptance into the program.**
- **When will I know if I am accepted?** All notifications (acceptance and denials) are announced in April 2019 by email.
- **Do I have to attend the workshops?** Yes. Completions of all workshops are mandatory prior to work-based learning opportunities.
- **What are work-based learning opportunities? Are they paid?** Learning opportunities provide students with a hands-on learning experience in different roles. The learning opportunities and roles vary (i.e. music concerts, college, and professional sporting events).
- **Can I just apply for the work-based learning opportunities?** Unfortunately, learning opportunities only available for Ideal Youth students who have successfully completed the program.