



## Youth Leadership Program

*Do you enjoy working outside with your hands, spending time in nature and learning about the environment? If so, the Youth Leadership Program is for you!*

The Youth Leadership Program is a workforce development program that enables high school students from Boston and Brookline to become effective and reliable youth leaders and employees through working in the Emerald Necklace Parks. The program combines park maintenance, career exploration and environmental education activities. From November through April, 10 youth crew members meet after school for a total of 7.5 hours of part-time, temporary employment each week.

### Who is eligible for the Youth Leadership program?

The program is open to all who are:

- residents of Boston
- **Must be registered with the Department of Youth Engagement and Employment**  
**Phone: (617) 635-4202 Email: YOUTHLINE@BOSTON.GOV**
- between the ages of 15-18
- enrolled in high school
- interested in learning about the environment
- interested in landscaping
- experienced working in the outdoors

### What do Youth Leadership Participants do?

- Develop job skills through on the job training
- Receive training in park maintenance within the Emerald Necklace parks
- Participate in hands-on earth/life science activities and workshops
- Work in a crew of 10 other young adults
- Facilitate presentations on topics learned
- Participate in outdoor activities
- Participate in nature connection activities
- Have fun!

### What is the schedule?

- Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 3:30 PM-6:00 PM
- Participants work a total of 7.5 hours per week
- **The first semester of the program is 4 weeks long and runs from Tuesday, November 27-December 21.**
- **The second semester of the program is 17 weeks long and runs from January 2-April 26.**

### How do I apply?

Send application and a letter of recommendation to the Emerald Necklace Conservancy, attention Kelsey Tustin, 125 The Fenway, Boston, MA 02115 or email Kelsey at [ktustin@emeraldnecklace.org](mailto:ktustin@emeraldnecklace.org). Spots fill up quickly. Applications are reviewed on a first come first served basis so do not delay. Application deadline, Friday, October 19. For more information, contact Kelsey at 617-522-2700. Please call for an application or visit our website at [emeraldnecklace.org](http://emeraldnecklace.org).