



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, soft-skill development, environmental education and nature connection 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 Link: YOUTHLINE@BOSTON.GOV**
- between the ages of 15-18
- enrolled in high school or GED program
- interested in learning about the environment
- interested in 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 and activities 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 and are paid minimum wage
- Program runs from November 4 –April 24 (dates may need to be adjusted)

How do I apply?

Send application and a letter of recommendation to the Emerald Necklace Conservancy, attention Kent Jackson, 125 The Fenway, Boston, MA 02115 or email Kent at kjackson@emeraldnecklace.org. **Spots fill up quickly. Applications are reviewed on a first come first served basis so do not delay. For more information, contact Kent at 617-522-2700.**

Please call for an application or visit our website at emeraldnecklace.org.