# Progressive career development programs for Buffalo youth

**When in doubt, Buffalo Futures can support exploration of these various opportunities!**

Success in each program generally requires increased job readiness and/or skill base

## Youth leadership, community service & extracurriculars

Afterschool and summer programs based in schools and CBOs

Help youth explore interests, boost confidence, and gain skills and network of support

**EXAMPLES:**

- ✓ Global Youth Leaders
- ✓ Open Buffalo Action
- ✓ Leadership Buffalo

## Internships for high school/GED students

Most are paid

Exposure to work and practice in work settings

**EXAMPLES:**

- ✓ Say Yes Internships
- ✓ Career Wise
- ✓ Buffalo Urban League's YOLO Program
- ✓ The Foundry

## Summer internships

**SYEP**
All youth ages 14-24; paid summer employment for 6 weeks in a variety of industries

**Northland Summer Youth Academy** – Internships

## General job training programs

Typically offer **combination of general job readiness, internships, and/or job placement**

Many offer **GED classes** and college advisement

**EXAMPLES:**

- ✓ Buffalo Urban League's YOLO Program
- ✓ Catholic Charities' Tomorrow's Youth Today

## Sector-specific vocational trainings

**Sector-specific job training typically with opportunities to earn certificates**

Tend to be **employer-informed** and recognized, with **stronger job placement rates and average wages**

Many require a HS degree and/or a certain grade level proficiency; others you can take the GED while enrolled; check criteria!

**EXAMPLES:**

- ✓ Northland Training Center
- ✓ Catholic Charities East Devalan Academy
- ✓ UpSkill's Career Collegiate Institue
- ✓ Erie1 BOCES

**College**

**Continued voc. training**

**Full-time position**

**Please find a fuller list of example opportunities here.**

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