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 Institute
  - Erie1 BOCES

**Extracurriculars and internships**
- Workforce job readiness and training programs

Please find a fuller list of example opportunities [here](#).