

Summer Opportunities for High Schoolers

Summer Internships

Internship	Institution	Program Dates	Eligibility	Description	Paid?	Application Deadline	Website
Science & Advanced Technology Summer Internships	Cleveland Clinic	June 2-July 29	Minimum age: 15. Must live & attend school in Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Stark or Summit.	Advanced Technology internship program includes pathways like artificial intelligence (AI); biomedical engineering & robotics; coding; computing sciences; & information technology/ cybersecurity. Science internship program pathways include clinical-focused areas of healthcare such as: applied medicine, behavioral health, laboratory medicine, nursing, pharmacy, public health, occupational/physical therapy & respiratory care.	Yes	Closed 2/7/25. Check back in late fall 2025 for the 2026 application.	https://my.clevelandclinic.org/departments/education/center-for-youth-and-college-education/internships/#cyce-high-school-summer-internship-program-tab
Future Nurses Academy	University Hospitals	3 Options: June 16-27 (Lakeland Comm. College), July 7-18 (Tri-C) July 21-Aug 1 (Lorain Comm. College)	High school students entering the 11th or 12th grade	Two-week program includes visits to area college/university schools of nursing , while focusing on well-being techniques & hands-on experience to learn different nursing skills.	Yes	Closed 2/19/25. Check back in Jan 2026 for the 2026 application.	https://www.uhospitals.org/for-clinicians/nursing/education-programs/uh-future-nurse-academy
NASA's OSTEM (Office of STEM Engagement) Internship	NASA		High school & college students	Full- or part-time internship to gain practical work experience while working at a NASA facility side-by-side with mentors who are research scientists, engineers, and individuals from many other professions.	Yes	Closed for 2025. Summer '26 applications are due Feb 27, 2026.	https://www.nasa.gov/learning-resources/internship-programs/
Outdoor Experiences/ Natural Resources Service-Learning Internships	Cleveland Metroparks	Dates vary by location	High school & college students	Outdoor Experience Interns gain experience as a Naturalist, assisting in planning, developing & implementing education &/or outdoor recreation programs. Natural Resources Interns gain experience implementing proper land management & monitoring practices working with staff to manage & maintain meadows, forests, waterways, & wildlife.	No	Closed 4/30/25. Check back for the '26 application.	https://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/about/volunteer/service-learning-internships/
Summer Artworks Apprenticeship	Center for Arts-Inspired Learning	July 7- August 15, 2025	High school students in 10, 11, & 12 Grade	Paid apprenticeships where students are mentored by a Master Teaching Artist in an art form while going through Workforce Development and developing universal skills for post-high school endeavors.	Yes		https://www.arts-inspiredlearning.org/artworks

*Also check on your high school's job board for local opportunities.

Summer Volunteering

Organization	Eligibility	Description	Website
Cleveland Animal Protective League	Must be 16 or older to volunteer independently. Volunteers 16-17 years old will need to provide parental consent on their volunteer application.	Variety of volunteer assignments available at the shelter in Tremont, as well as offsite locations and special events.	https://clevelandapl.org/volunteer/steps-to-become-a-cleveland-apl-volunteer/
Cleveland Clinic	Minimum age is 15, but some locations have a higher age requirement.	Various opportunities available.	https://my.clevelandclinic.org/about/community/volunteer
Greater Cleveland Food Bank	Age 14+	Volunteer opportunities in the GCFB Healthy Choice Food Market or Partner Distribution Hub collecting, sorting, and repacking food that is donated each day.	https://www.greaterclevelandfoodbank.org/give-help/volunteer/opportunities
Rescue Village	Must be 16 or older to volunteer independently.	Community Outreach and Engagement Volunteers attend community events, festivals, and schools or businesses to spread awareness and information about Rescue Village's events and services. Woofstock 2025 volunteers help at the annual event held on 9/7/25 at the Polo Field. See the Rescue Village website for more opportunities.	https://www.rescuevillage.org/get-involved/volunteer-opportunities/
University Hospitals	Must be 15 or older	10-week Summer Youth Volunteer program; various options available	https://www.uhhospitals.org/locations/uh-cleveland-medical-center/volunteer-services/summer-youth-volunteer-program
Youth Challenge	Ages 12-18	YC program volunteers are "hands-on" assistants to participants of Youth Challenge programs (year-round adapted sports and recreational programming offered throughout the Greater Cleveland area to children with disabilities). Volunteers are paired one-on-one with a participant partner at each activity to help them adapt the day's program while serving as a mentor, coach and friend	https://www.youthchallengesports.com/

...and many more in your local community!

Summer Programs (Ohio-Based)

Summer programs allow students to explore careers and talents, often times while exploring college campuses. Below are some of the Ohio-based summer programs available for high schoolers. Look for other opportunities on college websites such as BGSU, XXX and XXX. Costs marked with an asterisk (*) indicate that scholarship opportunities are available to cover a portion or all of the program fees.

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Buckeye Student Leadership Academy	Ohio State University / virtual	July-Nov 2025	High-achieving rising Ohio seniors (current juniors) who are first-generation or attend rural or urban high schools	Program to learn more about yourself and others and how to make the college experience work for you. Includes a one-day kick-off on the OSU campus and monthly virtual sessions.	Free	Closed 3/15/25. Check back in Dec for '26 application.	https://admissions.osu.edu/bsla/
College of Business ASPIRE Camp	University of Akron	June 9–13, 2025	High school students	Interactive day camp to explore the world of business	\$250	Closed 5/1/25. Check back for '26 application.	https://www.uakron.edu/cba/about-us/k12
Community Arts School	Baldwin Wallace University	July 7-13, 2025	High school students	Two 7-day residential high intensives: (1) Conservatory Summer Institute, offering a rigorous artistic experience in choral, keyboard, strings, wind/percussion, or theatre; (2) Dance Immersion Ballet/Contemporary or Jazz/Commercial Dance.	\$995 base tuition	July 1, 2025	https://www.bw.edu/community/summer-camps/
Eisenmann Materials Camp	ASM Materials (Novelty, OH)	July 13-18, 2025	Students entering grades 11 or 12 in high school in Fall 2025. Highly motivated, inquisitive learners with math and science aptitude.	One-week, hands-on applied science camp features highly interactive, lab-based activities, leading small teams of students through an actual "forensic engineering investigation".		Closed 3/31/25. Check back for 2026 application.	https://www.asmfoundation.org/students/materials-camps/eisenman/
Exploratory Arts & Science Pre-College	Ohio State University	varies	Middle & high school students	A variety of one-week, intensive academic enrichment courses.	\$550/course	Closed 4/14/25. Check back for 2026 application.	https://artsandsciences.osu.edu/future-students/arts-and-sciences-summer-exploration-program
Experience Engineering Camp	University of Mount Union	June 15-21, 2025	Rising high school sophomores to recent high school graduates.	Learn about the engineering profession through hands-on projects. For college credit.	\$860/residential \$573/commuter	Not listed.	https://www.mountunion.edu/about-mount/camps-and-conferences/experience-engineering-summer-program

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FBI Future Agents in Training-Teen Academy	Cleveland FBI, Lakeside Ave.	June 7- June 12, 2025	Rising high school seniors	Program providing a comprehensive look into today's FBI including terrorism, cyber crime, public corruption, polygraph exams, evidence response, SWAT, and the day-to-day operations of a typical FBI office.	Free	Closed 1/31/25. Check back for 2026 application.	https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices/cleveland/community-outreach
Fisher College of Business Bootcamp	Ohio State University	July 27, 2025	Rising high school juniors & seniors	A one-day Business Bootcamp to explore potential business careers and learn about the college admission process.	Not listed	May 19, 2025	https://fisher.osu.edu/undergraduate/admissions/future-students/summer-programs
HRS Health & Rehabilitation Science Camp	Ohio State University	June 2-4, 2025	High school students	Three-day camp to expose students to career opportunities in healthcare through a variety of hands-on activities & simulations.	Free	Closed 4/25/25. Check back for 2026 application.	https://hrs.osu.edu/about-us/diversity-equity-and-inclusion/hrs-camp
Hilda E. Bretzlaff Ashbrook Academy in Am. History & Government	Ashland University	Various June/July dates	Rising high school juniors & seniors	Series of summer programs for to learn about topics in U.S. History, Politics, & Economics.	\$850/week, residential	Apply at least 30 days before chosen seminar start date.	https://ashbrookacademy.org/about/
Hyland STEM Institute	Cleveland State University	June 23-27, 2025	High school students	A five-day daytime Math Camp in which each day focuses on a different field of engineering and how math applies to each one.	Free	Closed for 2025. Check back for 2026 application.	https://engineering.csuohio.edu/fennacademy/hyland-stem-institute
Learning About Business (LAB) Week	Lake Erie College	June 8- June 13, 2025	High school sophomores, juniors & seniors	A week-long mini-MBA experience for college credit, providing an interactive business simulation.	\$350/residential	Not listed.	https://www.learningaboutbusiness.org/
Lindner Business Summer Institute	University of Cincinnati	June 8-11, 2025	Students entering 11th or 12th grade	Four-day program introducing students to various business disciplines while providing guidance & support for the college admission process.	\$200, residential	Closed 4/18/25. Check back for 2026 application.	https://business.uc.edu/future-students/high-school/lindner-summer-institute.html
Lindner Business Immersion Camp	University of Cincinnati	July 13-16, 2025	Priority given to emerging HS seniors, but emerging HS juniors can apply.	Four-day intro to various business disciplines.	\$350, residential	May 19, 2025	https://business.uc.edu/future-students/high-school/lindner-business-immersion-camp.html

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MD Camp	Ohio State University	June 9- June 27, 2025	Rising high school sophomores, juniors & seniors	A three-week day camp for students interested in pursuing a health career. Participants experience the rigors of medical school as they shadow OSU clinicians and researchers.	\$325	Closed 3/21/25. Check back for 2026 application.	https://medicine.osu.edu/diversity/initiatives/md-camp
Make It at Myers	University of Akron	June 9-13, 2025	For rising high school juniors & seniors	Non-residential program for students to create a personal narrative & explore Akron's Myers School of Art & Design.	Free (\$25 app fee)	May 19, 2025; Art teacher recommendation required.	https://www.uakron.edu/art/makeitatmyers/
Marine Biology - The Life Aquatic	Bowling Green State University	June 8- June 13, 2025	Students entering 10th-12th grade for fall 2025	Learn about marine ecology by working closely with the University's collection of saltwater specimens, field trips, hands-on experiences, experiments, and lab work.	\$1250, residential \$850, commuter	Closed 4/5/25. Check back for 2026 application.	https://www.bgsu.edu/pre-college-programs/summer-academic-and-youth-programs/academic-summer-programs/marine-The-Life-Aquatic-at-BGSU.html
NASA Glenn High School Engineering Institute	Glenn Research Center, Cleveland	3 Options for 2025: July 7-11, July 14-18, July 21-25	Rising high school juniors & seniors (min 3.2 GPA)	Five-day program that introduces students to engineering and technology concepts used by STEM professionals at NASA.	Not listed	May 9, 2025	https://www.nasa.gov/nasagle/nhighschoolengineeringinstitute/
Pathways to Pharmacy Camp	NEOMed College of Pharmacy	June 23- 27, 2025	Current high school juniors & seniors	Four-day day camp consisting of workshops and compounding laboratory activities, while learning about various pharmacy career paths.	Not listed	Not listed	https://www.neomed.edu/pharmacy/academics/pre-pharmacy/pathways-to-pharmacy/
Nursing Summer Camp	Ashland University	July 10 or 11, 2025	High school juniors & seniors	One-day camp, 9am-3pm to learn nursing skills/techniques, explore Ashland's nursing simulation lab & visit with nurses in a hospital setting.	\$50	Not listed	https://www.ashland.edu/event/college-nursing-summer-camp
Odyssey Film Camp	Cleveland State University	Various June - July dates	High school students (age 13-18)	Series of intensives focused on filmmaking, screenwriting, and acting/directing.	Varies by program; residential & commuter options ranging from \$1,200 to \$3,000	Not listed	http://www.csufilmodyssey.com/programs/
Oelshlager Summer Leadership Institute	University of Akron	June 20- 26, 2025	High school students	Seven-day college readiness workshop to introduce students to the requisite skills, attitudes, and resources for success in college.	Free	Closed 4/29/25. Check back for 2026 application.	https://www.uakron.edu/osli

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Ohio CPA Foundation CPA Camp	Kent State University	June 25, 2025	Not listed	One-day experience to explore careers in accounting. <i>(Also offered at other Ohio colleges on various dates in 2025.)</i>	Free	Not listed	https://ohiocpa.com/quick-links/the-ohio-cpa-foundation/recruiting-students/cpa-camp
Pathways to STEM Camp	Ohio Northern University	June 15-19, 2025	High schoolers entering junior or senior year in Fall '25	Four-day program for students to participate in hands-on laboratory experiences & interact with practicing engineers & scientists as they explore careers in STEM.	\$495, residential	Not listed	https://www.onu.edu/camp-s-and-events
Pharmacy Camp	Ohio Northern University	June 15-19, 2025	High schoolers entering junior or senior year in Fall '25	Four-day program to explore pharmacy careers through instruction, hands-on lab and research experiences, and site visits.	\$495, residential	Not listed	https://www.onu.edu/camp-s-and-events
Pharmacy Camp	University of Findlay	June 8-11 or June 22-25, 2025	Rising high school juniors & seniors	Four-day program to gain hands-on experience in state-of-the-art labs, interact with pharmacists, and explore pharmacy career paths.	\$400, residential	Not listed	https://www.findlay.edu/pharmacy/pharmacy-summer-camp
Reynolds Young Writers Workshop	Dennison University	June 14-June 21, 2025	Rising high school juniors & seniors	Eight-day program for motivated young writers who are passionate about writing and eager to connect to a close-knit community of writing friends.	\$1,500*, residential	Closed 3/3/25. Check back for 2026 application.	https://reynolds.denison.edu/
Sonic Arts Workshop	Oberlin College	July 6-12, 2025	High school students	Program focused on electronic music composition & production. Covers digital audio editing & manipulation, real-time computer music performance techniques, & discussion of pieces from the field.	\$1,650, residential \$1,100, commuter	Priority deadline: 4/5/25; still accepting applications.	https://www.oberlin.edu/summer-programs/sonic-arts-workshop
Sports Management Institute	Cleveland State University	July 7-8 and July 15-16, 2025	Students entering Sophomore, Junior or Senior year of High School	Four-day experience to explore sports and entertainment management careers & network with industry professionals. Includes visits to local sports facilities (including a Guardians game).	Free	June 30, 2025	https://business.csuohio.edu/summer-sports
Stephanie Tubbs Jones Legal Adventure	Cleveland Bar Assn.	June 23-27, 2025	Ohio 9th-11th grade minority students	One-week interactive law institute where area judges, lawyers, & law professors introduce students to numerous legal issues and legal career opportunities.	Free	Apps accepted on rolling basis. Apply by May 18 for priority placement.	https://www.clemetrobar.org/?pg=StephanieTubbsJonesSummerLegalAdventure

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Summer Arts Programs	Ohio University	Various June/July dates	Rising HS sophomores, juniors & seniors	Various programs in Art/Design, Dance, Film, Music, & Theater	Varies*; residential & commuter options	Not listed	https://www.ohio.edu/fine-arts/summer-arts-programs/high-school/high-school
Summer Engineering Experiences	University of Dayton	June 16, 17 & 18, 2025	Class of 2026 & 2027 high schoolers	Day camps to explore types of engineering from faculty, through engagement with current School of Engineering students and immersive, hands-on activities in labs.	\$100/day	Not listed	https://udayton.edu/engineering/k-12-programs/see-ud/index.php
Summer Experience in Engineering Camp	University of Akron	June 20-26, 2025	Students entering grades 9-12	Week-long day camp to learn more about aerospace systems, biomedical, chemical, civil, computer, corrosion, electrical & mechanical engineering.	\$350, non-residential	Not listed	https://www.uakron.edu/engineering/k12-programs/
Summer Fashion Academy	Kent State University	June 8-14, 2025	Rising HS juniors & seniors (age 16-18)	Program to learn about key areas of fashion design and merchandising. Students will work individually and in teams to complete creative projects.	\$1,600, residential	Not listed	https://www.kent.edu/fashion/academy
Summer in the Heights	John Carroll University	July 13-18, 2025	High schoolers entering sophomore, junior, or senior year	Pre-college academic experiences on one of six topics: Building Future Business Leaders; Criminal Courts & Trials; Critical Thinking & Current Debates; Health for the Whole Person; Drone Imaging for Future Scientists; and Young Writers Workshop.	\$1,000, residential; \$500, daytime	3/15 Priority deadline; applications are still open	https://www.jcu.edu/summerintheheights
Summer Music Institute - Week 1	Bowling Green State Univ	June 15-20, 2025	Varies	Week-long intensive camps for Double Reed, Strings, Jazz & Vocal Arts designed to improve playing, and learn new skills.	\$650, residential; \$550, commuter	May 30, 2025	https://www.bgsu.edu/musical-arts/events/community-programs/summer-music-institute.html
Summer Music Institute - Week 2	Bowling Green State Univ	June 22-27, 2025	Varies	Week-long intensive camps for Flute, Piano, Super Sax & Trombone camps designed to improve playing, and learn new skills	\$650, residential; \$550, commuter	June 6, 2025	https://www.bgsu.edu/musical-arts/events/community-programs/summer-music-institute.html
Summer Scholars Program	Miami University	July 6-11 or July 13-18, 2025	High-achieving rising high school juniors & seniors	Week-long summer experience to provide experiential learning opportunities to explore select careers.	\$1,080*, residential	Not listed	https://miamioh.edu/visit-miami/summer-scholars/index.html
Ohio Super-Computer Center STEM Institute	Ohio State University	June 1-June 13, 2025	Ohio residents, HS freshman, sophomore or juniors	Learn how to solve complex science & engineering problems, catch hackers, design computer games & more using supercomputers.	\$600, residential	Closed 4/1/25. Check back for 2026.	https://www.osc.edu/education/si

Military Academy Experiences

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Air Force Academy Summer Seminar	Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO	June 3-6, June 10-13, or June 16-19, 2025	High school juniors heading into senior year	Four-day program to experience life as a U.S. Air Force Academy cadet.	\$300*, residential	Closed 1/15/25. Check back in Dec '25 for 2026 application.	https://www.academyadmissions.com/prepare/high-school/summer-seminar/
US Coast Guard Academy Introduction Mission (AIM)	U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT	July 6-11, July 13-18, or July 20-25, 2025	Students entering senior year of high school	One-week summer program where you'll immerse yourself in Academy life. <i>Virtual experience also available, July 29-30.</i>	\$750*, residential	Closed 4/1/25. Check back in Jan '06 for 2026 application.	https://uscga.edu/admissions/aim/
US Naval Academy Summer STEM	US Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD	Various June dates based on grade level	Rising 9th, 10th, 11th graders	Six-day STEM exploration program where students can test their problem-solving, creativity, and collaboration skills.	\$750, residential	Closed 3/31/25. Check back for 2026 application.	https://www.usna.edu/Admissions/Programs/STEM.php#fndtn-panel1-Attending
West Point Summer Leaders Experience	U.S Military Academy, West Point, NY	May 31-June 6 or June 7-13, 2025	Rising high school seniors	A week-long immersion into the West Point experience.	\$625*, residential	Closed 4/15/25. Check back for 2026 application	https://www.westpoint.edu/admissions/summer-program