

Summer Opportunities for High Schoolers 2026

Summer Internships

Internship	Institution	2026 Program Dates	Eligibility	Description	Paid?	Application Deadline	Website
Cleveland Clinic CYCE High School Summer Internships	Cleveland Clinic Center for Youth & College Education	June 8-July 28	Age 15 or older by 6/1/26. 9 th -12 th grade. Min. 2.5 GPA. City/county residency requirements for select programs.	7-week, 30 hours/week program to provide engaging, real-world work experience and professional learning opportunities in clinical, non-clinical, and advanced technology tracks. The clinical track focuses on patient-facing areas. The non-clinical (Louis Stokes) track includes business-focused areas of healthcare. The advanced technology track focuses on technological aspects of healthcare, like AI, Clinical Engineering and Tech, Coding/Computer Programming, Data Science/ Database Development, Information Technology & Website Development.	Yes, \$15 per hour	2/2/26	https://my.clevelandclinic.org/departments/education/center-for-youth-and-college-education/internships#cyce-high-school-summer-internship-program-tab
Mobile Outreach Assistant Internship	Cleveland Metroparks, Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation	June 3 – August 7	Current high school junior/senior or enrolled in a college/university	15/hour per week internship working with the unit Naturalist to assist with the “Kids Nature Lunch & Learn” summer program, connecting park guests to nature through lessons and activities while spending time outdoors. Two positions available.	No	4/10/26	https://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/about/volunteer/service-learning-internships/
NASA Pathways Internship	NASA	Late May/Early June – August	Minimum age: 16; must be enrolled/accepted for enrollment on at least a half-time basis at an accredited educational institution pursuing a degree or certificate	Variety of internships across Engineering, Science & Technology or Business disciplines to gain practical work experience while working at a NASA facility.	Yes	2/27/26	https://www.nasa.gov/careers/pathways/#Pathways-Opportunities
Natural Resources Service-Learning Internship	Cleveland Metroparks, West Creek Mgmt Ctr (Parma)	Mid-May through early August	Age 18 by start date	Five positions providing a variety of hands-on field experiences to develop skills in areas such as invasive plant management, native plant installation and maintenance, and green infrastructure maintenance.	No	4/17/26	https://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/about/volunteer/service-learning-internships/
Student Branch Internship	Cardinal Credit Union (Mentor)	Not posted.	Current student at Mentor High, Lake Catholic, North High, South High, or NDCL	Interns will receive hands-on experience in addition to practicing important lifelong skills. Responsibilities include cash & check processing, account opening assistance, marketing events, promotional activities, and customer service.	Yes	Not posted	https://www.cardinalcu.com/about-cardinal/career-opportunities/

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Student Leaders Internship	Bank of America	Internship: 6 weeks in June-July Leadership Summit: June 16-18	High school juniors and seniors	Program connecting community-minded students to six-week paid internships with local nonprofits, Includes participation in an expenses-paid three-day national leadership summit. This program is offered in 100 communities nationwide, including Cuyahoga and Geauga counties.	Yes	Not posted	https://about.bankofamerica.com/en/making-an-impact/student-leaders
Summer Artworks Apprenticeship	Center for Arts-Inspired Learning	Not posted yet for 2026	High school students in grades 10-12	Paid 4-6 week apprenticeships where students are mentored by a Master Teaching Artist in an art form while building essential workforce and life skills to prepare for success beyond high school.	Yes	Not posted yet for 2026.	https://www.arts-inspiredlearning.org/artworks
Tech Talent Pipeline	Cleveland State University	Not posted yet	High school students	Offering 300 paid high school internships with 20 work sites, including many CSU-based research labs and work-based learning opportunities. More info coming soon.		Not posted	https://www.csuohio.edu/summercsu/summercsu-highschool

Summer Volunteering

Organization	Eligibility	Description	Website
Cleveland Animal Protective League	18+, 16-17 years old with parental consent	Variety of volunteer assignments at the shelter in Tremont	https://clevelandapl.org/youth-volunteering/
Cleveland Clinic	Minimum age is 15, but some locations have a higher age requirement	Various opportunities available.	https://my.clevelandclinic.org/about/community/volunteer
Great Lakes Science Center	Age 16+	Help inspire future innovators, assist with hands-on exhibits, prepare materials for hands-on activities, or fill other behind-the-scenes roles	https://greatscience.com/about/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
Holden Forests & Gardens	Varies; some opportunities for students who are 16+	Wide variety of volunteer experiences at the Holden Arboretum and Cleveland Botanical Gardens, including office work, trail work/monitoring, events, academic programs, guest services, horticulture, conservation, and much more	https://holdenfg.org/make-an-impact/volunteer/
Keystone Camp	High School student	Camp volunteers for a one-week Keystone Camp held in June at Hambden Town Hall in Hambden Twp. Volunteers help with set-up, clean-up, and assisting campers with daily activities.	<i>More info coming soon</i>
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. 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. 2026 info/applications not yet posted.	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 while exploring college campuses. Below are some of the Ohio-based summer programs available for high schoolers. Look for other opportunities on college websites.

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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Aviation Academy	Jefferson or Middlefield, OH	June 10-July 1, 2026 (Monday - Friday)	Upcoming & graduating high school seniors; 16+	Three-week intensive course to introduce students to aviation careers and certifications. Includes line-of-sight ground school training/certification, Part 107 (Unmanned Aerial Systems) training, and visits to the Pittsburgh Institute of Aviation and Kent State University Aviation School. Daily guest speakers will provide insights into fields such as piloting, maintenance, air traffic control, and more. Students will have the opportunity to fly a glider twice and participate in the Young Eagles program.	Not provided	Rolling application	https://www.gritohio.org/grit-s-summer-programs-2026/
AWT STEM Camp (for 5th-8th graders)	AWT, Mentor	June 8-19, 2026	Rising 5th grade through 8th grade	AWT Summer STEM Camp will give students opportunities for hands-on experiments and projects that cover a range of STEM topics. Some of the projects will include solar cars, binary coding, and soldering. Students will also get the chance to visit local manufacturing companies and identify connections between their camp projects and the companies they tour. (Runs 9 am to 3 pm.)	\$450	May 29, 2026, or when full	https://members.thinkmfg.com/awt-events/Details/awt-stem-camp-june-session-1574778
AWT AeroMFG Camp (for 5th-8th graders)	AWT, Mentor	July 6-17, 2026	Rising 5th grade through 8th grade	AeroMfg STEM Camp will be full of projects with a focus on aerospace and aeronautics, and will include field trips to local companies serving the aerospace industry! Some projects will include a light-up model solar system, flying rockets, and moon sand. (Runs 9 am to 3 pm.)	\$450	June 26, 2026, or when full	https://members.thinkmfg.com/awt-events/Details/awt-aeromfg-stem-camp-july-session-1574789
Buckeye Student Leadership Academy	The Ohio State University & virtual	Begins in July 2026	High-achieving rising Ohio seniors (current juniors) who are first-generation or attend rural or urban high schools	Year-long 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 in July and bi-weekly virtual sessions.	Free	3/1/26	https://admissions.osu.edu/bsla/
Cleveland Clinic Launchpad to Nursing Boot Camp	South Pointe Hospital (Warrensville Hts.)	June 26, 2026	9th-12th Graders (other opportunities for middle schoolers)	Educational boot camp offering nursing exploration opportunities through informative and immersive learning experiences. Includes hands-on nursing simulation, interactive skill sessions, group activities, and collaborative learning opportunities. (Other dates during school months: March 27 & April 10, 2026.)	Free	Not posted	www.clevelandclinic.org/NursingExploration

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Cleveland Clinic Sports Medicine Student Aide Workshop	North Royalton High School	Check back to see if offered in 2026.	High school students	Four-day workshop for high schoolers interested in gaining athletic training skills. Participating students will learn about current concepts in sports medicine from certified athletic trainers, physical therapists, physicians, and other specialists.	\$160		https://events.clevelandclinic.org/?months=1
College of Business ASPIRE Camp	University of Akron	June 1-5, 2026	High school students	Interactive daytime opportunity for students to explore the world of business. Opportunity to win scholarships and prizes through a team competition.	\$200 (early bird), \$250 after 3/1/26	Not posted	https://www.uakron.edu/cba/about-us/k12
Conservatory Summer Institute	Baldwin Wallace University	June 26-July 2, 2026	High school students	7-day residential intensive where students can explore life at BW while growing as an artist through classes, private lessons, ensembles, & coaching sessions in choral, keyboard, strings, wind/percussion, or theatre.	\$1,115 base tuition*	5/31/26	https://cas.bw.edu/programming/conservatory-summer-institute/
Dance Immersion	Baldwin Wallace University	June 26-July 2, 2026	High school students	Audition-based dance intensive for pre-professional dancers looking to pursue dance at the collegiate or professional level. Dancers will work with industry-leading instructors, challenge their technical development, and experience new dance styles.	\$1,115 base tuition	5/31/26	https://cas.bw.edu/programming/dance-camp-high-school/
Eisenmann Materials Camp	ASM Materials Headqtrs. (Novelty)	July 12-17, 2026	Highly-motivated, inquisitive 11th- or 12th-grade students who have math & 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".	Free	3/1/26	https://www.asmfoundation.org/students/materials-camps/eisenmann/
Exploratory Arts & Science Pre-College	The Ohio State University	varies	High school students	A variety of one-week, intensive academic enrichment courses.	\$550/course	5/1/26	https://artsandsciences.osu.edu/future-students/arts-and-sciences-summer-exploration-program
Experience Engineering Camp	University of Mount Union	July 12-18, 2026	Rising high school sophomores to recent high school graduates	Learn about the engineering profession through hands-on projects. Gain experience in 5 engineering disciplines, learn about entrepreneurship in engineering, ethics, & sustainability, & gain communication & presentation skills, while earning college credit	\$910/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 8 - June 11, 2026	Rising high school seniors (Class of 2027)	Program providing a comprehensive look into today's FBI. Covers terrorism, cyber crime, public corruption, polygraph exams, evidence response, SWAT, investigative tactics, and the day-to-day operations of an FBI office.	Free	1/31/26	https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices/cleveland/comm-unity-outreach
Fisher College of Business Bootcamp	The Ohio State University	July 31, 2026	Rising Ohio high school juniors & seniors who are first-gen or have limited access to college planning	A one-day Business Bootcamp to explore potential business careers and learn about the college admission process.	Not listed	Application opens in April	https://fisher.osu.edu/undergraduate/admissions/future-students/summer-programs
Future Nurses Academy	University Hospitals	East: June 15-26 Central: July 6-17 West: July 20-31	High school students entering the 11th or 12th grade in fall '26	Two-week program for students interested in a nursing career to explore the profession. Includes visits to nursing schools at area colleges, while focusing on techniques & hands-on experience to learn nursing skills.	Free	2/19/26	https://www.uhhospitals.org/for-clinicians/nursing/education-programs/uh-future-nurse-academy
GPD Shadow Days for Architecture, Engineering, & Surveying	GPD Group Akron Hdqtrs: 520 S. Main St., Ste 2531 Akron, OH	June 11, 2026, 8-4pm	High school and college-aged students interested in architecture, engineering, and/or land surveying	An informative and immersive Shadowing Day where GPD engineers, surveyors, and architects show students what it is like to work in their prospective fields and give insight and guidance on how to navigate these career paths.	Free	Not posted	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OGH6MKC
HRS Health & Rehabilitation Science Camp	The Ohio State University	June 1-3, 2026	High school students	Three-day non-residential camp to expose students to career opportunities in healthcare through hands-on activities & simulations.	Free	4/24/26	https://hrs.osu.edu/about-us/diversity-equity-and-inclusion/hrs-camp
Hilda E. Bretzlaff Ashbrook Academy in American History & Government	Ashland University	Various June/July dates	Rising high school juniors & seniors	Series of week-long residential summer programs to learn about topics in U.S. History, Politics, & Economics.	\$850/ week	30 days before your chosen series start date	https://ashbrookacademy.org/about/
Hyland STEM Institute	Cleveland State University	Check back to see if offered in 2026	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	Not yet posted	https://www.csuohio.edu/summercslu/summercslu-highschool

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Law Enforcement Summer Program	Wickliffe Police Dept.	June 22-26, 2026, 10 am -2 pm	Grades 7-12	A program to raise awareness of law enforcement, improve recruitment, and to facilitate better relationships between the community and police. Provides hands-on learning of traffic stops, narcotics, and criminal investigations.	Not provided	May 21	Interested students should contact Officer Smith, jsmith@cityofwickliffe.com
Leadership Geauga Youth Institute	Leadership Geauga in Chesterland	June 15-25, 2026	Rising juniors & seniors who live & attend school in Geauga County	A two-week summer program to develop leadership skills and explore career opportunities. Participants engage in personal strength discovery, career exploration, and behind-the-scenes tours across various community sectors. Includes a one-day mentorship experience, allowing students to shadow a professional in a field of their choice.	\$300*	Not listed	https://leadershipgeauga.org/programs/youth-institute/
Learning About Business (LAB) Week	Lake Erie College	June 7 - June 12, 2026	High school sophomores, juniors & seniors	A week-long residential mini-MBA experience for college credit, providing an interactive business simulation.	\$350*	4/26/26	https://www.learningaboutbusiness.org/
Lindner Business Summer Institute	University of Cincinnati	June 7-10, 2026	Students entering 11th or 12th grade	Four-day residential program introducing students to various business disciplines while providing guidance & support for the college admission process.	\$400	4/17/26	https://business.uc.edu/future-students/high-school/lindner-summer-institute.html
Lindner Business Immersion Camp	University of Cincinnati	July 7-10, 2026	Priority given to rising HS seniors, but emerging juniors can apply.	Four-day residential program for students to learn about the Lindner School of Business and its academic disciplines, improve communication skills, complete group work, and gain leadership experience.	\$400	4/17/26	https://business.uc.edu/future-students/high-school/lindner-business-immersion-camp.html
MD Camp	Ohio State University	June 8-26, 2026 (M-F, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm)	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*	3/17/26	https://medicine.osu.edu/diversity/initiatives/md-camp
Make It at Myers	University of Akron	June 8-12, 2026	For rising high school juniors & seniors	Non-residential program for students to create a personal narrative & explore Akron's Myers School of Art & Design.	\$25 app fee, \$450 for overnight camp option	5/15/26	https://www.uakron.edu/art/makeitatmyers/
Marine Biology: The Life Aquatic	Bowling Green State University	June 8 - 12, 2026	Students entering grades 9-12 in fall of 2026 and 2026 high school graduates	Non-residential program to learn about marine ecology through working closely with the University's collection of saltwater specimens, field trips, hands-on experiences, experiments, and lab work.	\$850*	3/2/26 early deadline; 4/30/26 general deadline	https://www.bgsu.edu/LifeAquaticCamp

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NASA Glenn High School Engineering Institute	Glenn Research Center, Cleveland	Session 1: July 13-17, 2026 Session 2: July 20-24, 2026 Session 3: July 27-31, 2026	Rising high school juniors & seniors (min 3.2 GPA)	A week-long program held at NASA Glenn Research Center in Cleveland for high school students who have demonstrated strong capabilities in STEM and are highly motivated to pursue engineering careers in the aerospace industry. The program introduces students to engineering and technology concepts used by STEM professionals at NASA to accomplish their research and development work. Students utilize the engineering design process to design and test prototypes relevant to NASA Glenn areas of expertise in reducing aircraft noise, developing power systems for spacecraft, and designing wheels for rovers.	Not posted	5/1/26	https://stemgateway.nasa.gov/s/course-offering/a0BSJ000002sZio/nasa-glenn-high-school-engineering-institute-individual
Pathways to Pharmacy Camp	NEOMed College of Pharmacy, Rootstown	June 15-18, 2026	Current high school juniors & seniors	Four-day daytime camp consisting of workshops and compounding laboratory activities, while learning about various pharmacy career paths.	\$200	Not posted	https://www.neomed.edu/pharmacy/aca+demics/pre-pharmacy/pathways-to-pharmacy/
Nursing Summer Camp	Ashland University	July 9 or 10, 2026	Students 16 or older	One-day camp to learn nursing skills/techniques, explore Ashland's nursing simulation lab, & visit with nurses in a hospital setting.	\$50	Not posted	https://www.ashland.edu/about/university-calendars
Odyssey Film Programs & Workshops	Cleveland State University	Varies	High school students (age 13-18)	Series of intensives focused on filmmaking, screenwriting, and acting/directing. Residential & commuter options available.	Varies; \$1,200 to \$3,000	Not posted	http://www.csufilmodyssey.com/programs/
Oelshlager Summer Leadership Institute	University of Akron	July 22-24, 2026	High school students	Seven-day college readiness workshop to introduce students to the requisite skills, attitudes, and resources for college success.	Free	Not yet posted	https://www.uakron.edu/osli
Ohio CPA Foundation CPA Camp	Cleveland State University	June 24, 2026	High school & college students	One-day experience to explore careers in accounting. (Also offered at other Ohio colleges on various June dates in 2026.)	Free	Not posted	https://ohiocpa.com/quick-links/the-ohio-cpa-foundation/recruiting-students/cpa-camp
Ohio Super-Computer Center STEM Institute	The Ohio State University	May 31 - June 12, 2026	Ohio high school freshmen, sophomores & juniors	Residential camp to learn how to solve complex science & engineering problems, catch hackers, design computer games & more using supercomputers.	\$600	4/1/26	https://www.osc.edu/education/si
Pathways to STEM Camp	Ohio Northern University	June 14-18, 2026	High schoolers entering sophomore through senior year in Fall 2026	Four-day residential program for students to participate in hands-on laboratory experiences & interact with practicing engineers & scientists as they explore careers in STEM.	\$495	Not posted	https://www.onu.edu/camps-and-events

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Pharmacy Camp	Ohio Northern University	June 14-18, 2026	High schoolers entering sophomore through senior year in Fall 2026	Four-day program to explore pharmacy careers through instruction, hands-on lab and research experiences, and site visits.	\$495	Not posted	https://www.onu.edu/camps-and-events
Pharmacy Summer Camp	University of Findlay	June 7-10 or June 14-17, 2026	Students who will be high school juniors or seniors in Fall 2026	Four-day program to gain hands-on experience in state-of-the-art labs, interact with pharmacists, and explore pharmacy careers.	\$400, residential (\$250 early bird)	Not posted	https://www.findlay.edu/pharmacy/pharmacy-summer-camp
Philosophy & Critical Thinking (PACT) Summer Camp	The Ohio State University	Session 1 July 13-17, 2026; Session 2 July 27-31, 2026	High school students	Week-long non-residential summer learning program, introducing students to philosophy through rigorous, engaging, and fun learning experiences. Session 1: Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence; Session 2: Philosophy & Identity	\$500*	Not posted	https://philosophy.osu.edu/pact
Project Seed	University of Akron	June-July, 2026	Low-income high school students interested in chemistry or science	8-10 week summer program to gain hands-on experience in scientific research. Work on a research project under mentor guidance, gaining lab experience and insight into potential chemistry-related careers. Chance to earn a \$4,000 stipend, present research at national meetings, and apply for college scholarships.	Not posted	Not posted	https://www.uakron.edu/engineering/k12-programs/
Reynolds Young Writers Workshop	Dennison University	June 19 - 28, 2026	Students who have completed their sophomore or junior year in high school by June of the program year	Ten-day residential program for motivated students who are passionate about writing and eager to connect to a close-knit community of writers.	\$1,700*	3/3/26	https://reynolds.denison.edu/
Sonic Arts Workshop	Oberlin College	July 12 - 18, 2026	High school students	Seven-day 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; \$65 app fee	Priority deadline: 2/5/26; final deadline, 3/15/26	https://www.oberlin.edu/summer-programs/sonic-arts-workshop
Sports Management Institute	Cleveland State University	July 14-16, 2026	Students entering sophomore, junior, or senior year of high school	Three-day experience to explore sports and entertainment management careers & network with industry professionals. Includes visits to local sports facilities.	Free	Not posted	https://business.csuohio.edu/summer-sports
Stephanie Tubbs Jones Legal Adventure	Cleveland Bar Assn.	June 22-26, 2026	NE Ohio high school students	One-week interactive law institute where area judges, lawyers, & law professors introduce students to numerous legal issues and legal career opportunities.	Free	5/18/26 priority placement	https://www.clemetrobar.org/?pg=StephanieTubbsJonesSummerLegalAdventure

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Summer Arts Programs	Ohio University	Various June dates	Rising HS sophomores, juniors & seniors	Various programs in Art/Design, Dance, Film, Music, & Theater	Varies*; residential & commuter options	Not posted	https://www.ohio.edu/fine-arts/summer-arts-programs/high-school/high-school
Summer Engineering Experiences	University of Dayton	June 15, 16, or 17, 2026	Rising high school juniors (class of 2028) and seniors (class of 2027)	Day-long camps to explore types of engineering from faculty, through engagement with current School of Engineering students, and immersive, hands-on activities in labs. Students can register for multiple camps over the three days.	\$100/day	Not posted	https://udayton.edu/calendar/2026/06/see-ud-summer-engineering-experiences-at-the-university-of-dayton.php
Summer Experience in Engineering Camp	University of Akron	June 1-5, 2026	Students entering grades 9-12	Day camp to learn more about aerospace systems, biomedical, chemical, civil, computer, corrosion, electrical & mechanical engineering.	\$350*1	Not posted	https://www.uakron.edu/engineering/k12-programs/
Summer Fashion Academy	Kent State University	June 14-20, 2026	Rising HS juniors & seniors (age 16-18)	Residential program to learn about key areas of fashion design and merchandising. Students will work individually and in teams to complete creative projects.	\$1,650	Not posted	https://www.kent.edu/fashion/academy
Summer in the Heights	John Carroll University	July 13-17, 2026; July 12 residential attendee check-in	High schoolers entering sophomore, junior, or senior year	Pre-college academic programs on one of eight topics: (1) Building Future Business Leaders, (2) Consciousness & AI, (3) From Vision to Action: Ignatian Leadership Strategies, (4) Health for the Whole Person, (5) Engineering Immersion, (6) On The Air: Media & Broadcasting Bootcamp, (7) The Pre-Law Experience, and (8) Young Writers Workshop.	\$1,000*, residential; \$500*, daytime	3/16/26 priority deadline; applications then reviewed on a rolling basis	https://www.jcu.edu/summerintheheights
Summer Linguistics Institute for Youth Scholars (SLIYS) Session 1	The Ohio State University	June 8-12 or July 6-10, 2026	High school students entering grades 9-12 in the upcoming school year	Five-day daytime program that introduces students to linguistics through content-focused lectures, fieldwork, and experiments. Covers foundational topics, including phonetics, morphology, syntax, and language documentation. A second session is offered on advanced linguistics topics for Session 1 attendees (June 22-26 or July 20-24)	\$550*/week	Applications considered on a rolling basis starting 2/1	https://linguistics.osu.edu/undergrad/sliys
Summer Music Institute - Week 1	Bowling Green State Univ	June 14-June 19, 2026	High school students	Week-long intensive camps for Jazz, Piano, or Vocal Arts to improve playing and learn new skills.	\$650, residential; \$525, commuter	6/1/26	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	High school students	Week-long intensive camps for Flute, Strings, or Trombone to improve playing and learn new skills.	\$650, residential; \$525, commuter	6/1/26	https://www.bgsu.edu/musical-arts/events/community-programs/summer-music-institute.html

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Summer Music Institute - Week 3	Bowling Green State Univ	June 28-July 3, 2026	High school students	Week-long intensive camps for Double Reed or Super Sax to improve playing and learn new skills.	\$650, residential; \$525, commuter	6/1/26	https://www.bgsu.edu/musical-arts/events/community-programs/summer-music-institute.html
Summer Scholars Program	Miami University	Session 1: July 5 - 10, 2026 Session 2: July 12 - 17, 2026	High-achieving rising high school juniors & seniors	Week-long summer experience to provide experiential learning opportunities to explore select careers.	\$1,080	5/1/26	https://miamioh.edu/visit-miami/summer-scholars/index.html
Welding Academy	ATech in Jefferson, OH	June 8-July 2, 2026 (Monday - Friday)	Upcoming & graduating high school seniors; 16+	Program to equip students with foundational welding skills and industry experience, blending classroom instruction with hands-on training, enabling students to complete at least one 30-hour welding certificate. Students will learn essential welding techniques and safety practices, gaining the technical skills needed to begin a career in the field. Instruction will focus on critical areas such as MIG, TIG, and arc welding, as well as metal preparation and cutting.	Not provided	Rolling application	https://www.gritohio.org/grit-summer-programs-2026/

Military Academy Experiences

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Air Force Academy Summer Seminar	Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO	Session A: June 2-6 Session B: June 8-12 Session C: June 15-19, 2026	High school juniors heading into senior year	Five-day program to experience life as a U.S. Air Force Academy cadet and experience life on campus firsthand.	\$300*	1/15/26.	https://www.academiyadmissions.com/prepare/high-school/summer-seminar/
US Coast Guard Academy Introduction Mission (AIM) Summer Program	U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT	July 5-10, July 12-17, or July 19-24, 2026	Students entering their senior year of high school	One-week summer program to immerse yourself in Academy life. A <i>free virtual experience is also available, July 28-29, 2026.</i>	\$750*	4/1/26	https://uscga.edu/admissions/aim/
US Naval Academy Summer Seminar	US Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD	Session 1: May 30-June 4, Session 2 June 6-11, Session 3: June 13-18, 2026	Rising 12th-grade students	Summer Seminar kick-starts the Naval Academy application by giving future applicants a taste of Academy life. Students will experience first-class academic, athletic, and professional training while building lifelong friendships.	\$450*	3/31/26	https://www.usna.edu/Admissions/Programs/index.php
US Naval Academy Summer STEM	US Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD	9th Graders June 1 - 6 10th Graders June 8 - 13 11th Graders June 15 - 19, 2026	Rising 9th, 10th, 11th graders	Six-day STEM exploration program where students can test their problem-solving, creativity, and collaboration skills.	\$450*	3/31/26	https://www.usna.edu/Admissions/Programs/index.php
West Point Summer Leaders Experience	U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY	Session 1: May 30-June 3, Session 2: June 5-9, Session 3: June 11-15, 2026	Rising high school seniors	A five-day immersion into a West Point cadet's academic, military, and social life led by current West Point cadets. For students who are interested in learning more about West Point and the qualities required to succeed as a cadet.	\$495*	4/15/26	https://www.westpoint.edu/admissions/summer-program