Youth and Education Programs

We Recommend...

**DC Reads**
Make a difference in a child’s life! Become a DC Reads Tutor. The program has worked to improve the historically low literacy rates in our nation’s capital. DC Reads supports after-school enrichment programs for at-risk District youth. The collaboration consists of several community-based organizations united under one goal of youth literacy. They include: Jubilee Housing, S.O.U.L. & Raising a Village. This can be a volunteer, service-learning or Federal Work Study position.

**Contact:** (202) 885-7378 / dcreads@american.edu / www.american.edu/dcreads

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**21st Century School Fund**
21CSF is dedicated to building the public will and capacity to modernize public school facilities so they support high quality education and community revitalization. Programs include Research & Communication, Community Engagement & Government Reform and Technical Assistance & Collaboration.

**Contact:** (202) 745-3745 / info@21csf.org / www.21csf.org
Thurgood Marshall Center: 1816 12th St. NW, 4th Floor, DC 20009

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**Academy of Hope**
Academy of Hope Adult Public Charter School (AoH) works to bridge the education gap and create lasting impact in our community by offering tailored educational services for adults who, due to low-literacy and insufficient basic skills, are not able to find or retain living-wage employment and are often trapped in a cycle of poverty. They have helped more than 7000 D.C. residents improve their skills and more than 700 residents earn their high school diploma. AoH needs volunteers in various capacities, including reading and math tutors, career mentors and digital literacy skills buddies.

**Contact:** Daniel Robinson / (202) 269-6623 ext. 124 / volunteer@aohdc.org
421 Alabama Avenue S.E., Washington, D.C. 20032

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**Carlos Rosario International Career Center**
Carlos Rosario provides a variety of adult education and workforce development programs for Washington’s immigrant community in job training, an Immigrant Family Literacy Program, GED classes in Spanish, a citizenship program, and leadership training. Every student is provided access to the supportive services department, which offers personal, and employment counseling; medical, legal and childcare social service referrals. Volunteers can assist in the classroom or get involved in other ways. Three options include: a morning program from 8:45-11:30 am, an afternoon session from 1-3:45 pm and an evening program from 6-9 pm.

**Contact:** Ernesto Yombo / 202-734-4900; ext 402. / eyombo@carlosrosario.org
514 V Street, NE Washington, DC 20002

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**Chess Girls DC**
Chess Girls DC 501c3 nonprofit organization serves to improve the confidence of girls through the practice of chess. It provides lessons to beginning chess players and enrichment activities for students who know how to play chess. Chess Girls DC was created in response to scientific evidence that self-confidence plays a tremendous role in a girl’s approach to challenging circumstances. Volunteers are needed Saturdays from 3-4:30 pm and will get an orientation prior to starting. Volunteers can work as teaching assistants, fundraising developers, event managers, investigating partnerships and social media management.

**Contact:** Robin Ramson / chessgirlsdc@gmail.com / 202-438-6377 / www.girlschessdc.com
Catholic University, McGivney Hall, Room 012 620 Michigan Ave NE
Community of Hope, Inc.
Community of Hope creates opportunities for low-income families in Washington, DC, including those experiencing homelessness, to achieve good health, a stable home, family-sustaining income, and hope. Volunteers are needed to engage with children in our housing sites and health centers.

Contact: Lauren Cranman/volunteer@cohdc.org / (202) 407-7757 / www.communityofhopedc.org

4 Atlantic Street, SW DC 20032 (Locations in NE, NW, SE, and SW DC.)

Critical Exposure
Critical Exposure teaches youth to use the power of photography and their own voices to become effective advocates for school reform and social change. By empowering young people to develop skills as documentary photographers and advocates, Critical Exposure exposes citizens and policymakers to the reality of inadequate schools and low-income communities through the eyes of the youth who confront those realities every day.

Contact: (202) 986-2177 / www.criticalexposure.org

1816 12th Street Northwest, 3rd Floor, DC 20009

DC Scores
DC SCORES bridges the academic and athletic development of youth by providing them with creative writing and soccer activities each day after-school for five weeks during the summer. Beginning with only 5 schools in 1994, DC SCORES has quickly expanded to 21 participating schools within the District. Operating in Wards 1, 4, 5, 7 and 8, DC SCORES has worked with more than 3000 8-12 year olds and over 300 coaches and writing instructors in the D. C. Public Schools.

Contact: Lindsey Sharp / (202) 393-6999 / lsharp@dcscores.org / www.dcscores.org

1140 Connecticut Ave. NW, Suite 1200, DC, 200036

District of Columbia International (DCI) School
DCI is a cooperative, collaborative school founded by 5 language immersion public charter schools. The 5 DCI member schools are DC Bilingual Public Charter School, Elsie Whitlow Stokes Community Freedom Public Charter School, Latin American Montessori Bilingual Public Charter School, Mundo Verde Bilingual Public Charter School, Washington Yu Ying Public Charter School. These schools have amended their charters to include a secondary program (grades 6-12) at a new educational campus.

Contact: (202) 808-9033 / info@dcinternationalschool.org / www.dcinternationalschool.org

1400 Main Drive NW, District of Columbia

Fihankra Akoma Ntoaso (FAN)
FAN’s goal is to bring a Positive Youth Development perspective to DC youth in foster care that provides young people with formal and informal opportunities to nurture their interests and talents, acquire new skills, and gain a sense of personal and group recognition in an atmosphere of hope.

Contact: (202) 380-9390 / info@fan-dc.org / www.fan-dc.org

2815 Stanton Rd SE, Washington, D.C. 20020

The Fishing School
By providing academic out-of-school time programs, TFS is changing generations and empowering youth to become responsible stewards of their future. Since 1990, The Fishing School has served as a safe haven and offered academic programs to more than 3,000 young people and their families in Washington, D.C. Through out-of-school time programming, TFS provides education instruction, mentoring, leadership development, test preparation and life skills training.

Contact: Crystal Iwouha/ 202-399-3618 / ciwuoha@fishingschool.org / www.fishingschool.org

4737 Meade St. NE, DC 20019

For Love of Children
Nearly 75% of DC students perform at or below basic levels in reading and math. For Love of Children’s one-on-one tutoring program helps students achieve grade-level competency in reading and math. Each new tutor impacts the life of one more child. FLOC offers training and ongoing professional support, so no experience is necessary. Tutors need patience, creativity, flexibility, fluency in English, a sense of humor and the ability to commit to 2.5 hours of tutoring a week.

Contact: (202) 462-8686 / rando@floc.org / www.floc.org

1301 Pennsylvania, SE, DC 20003
Girls Rock! DC
Utilizes music education to create a supportive, inclusive and creative space for girls to develop their self-confidence, build community, stand up and rock out!
Contact: (202) 681-7625 / volunteer@girlsrockdc.org / www.girlsrockdc.org
1525 Newton St. NW, DC 20010

Hope and a Home
Hope and a Home program assist families by offering low cost housing, advocacy, career development, after school activities and childcare. Volunteers can organize special activities for children, provide childcare for monthly meetings, observe students in classrooms, tutor students one-on-one, or assist with the development of activities for teen workshops.
Contact: Rosa Mooten / (202) 387-7091 x500 / rmooten@hopeandahome.org / www.hopeandahome.org
1236 Columbia Road, NW, DC 20009

The Homeless Children's Playtime Project
This project’s mission is to nurture healthy child development and reduce the effects of trauma among children living in temporary housing programs in the District of Columbia. Volunteers provide weekly activities, healthy snacks, and opportunities to play and learn for the children at emergency shelter and transitional housing sites in the District of Columbia.
Contact: (202) 329-4481 / info@playtimeproject.org / www.playtimeproject.org
1525 Newton St. NW, Washington DC

Horton's Kids
This organization is looking for dedicated volunteers to tutor and mentor children, grades K through 12. Horton's Kids is a community-based organization that serves 500 children, living in an isolated neighborhood called Wellington Park in Washington, DC's Ward 8. Horton's Kids’ mission is to empower at-risk children and prepare them for successful and healthy lives through educational opportunities and comprehensive programs tailored to their needs. Horton's Kids provides a holistic, research-based continuum of academic, enrichment, and basic needs supports designed to empower children to succeed.
Contact: (202) 407-3048 / volunteer@hortonskids.org / www.hortonskids.org
400 Virginia Ave SW, Suite C-130, DC 20024

Jubilee Youth Services
JYS is an after-school enrichment program in the Adam's Morgan neighborhood, under the hospice of Jubilee Housing, Inc., which provides quality affordable housing to low income families and individuals in the District. JYS is a free after school program to Jubilee Housing residents and families living in the Columbia Height’s/Adam's Morgan community. All the children are people of color and most come from immigrant families. Children work on many different math and reading levels. Math tutors as well as reading tutors are highly desired to work with our emergent, early, and transitional readers.
Contact: Alice Walker / (202) 299-1240 / awalker@jubileehousing.org / www.jubileehousing.org
1640 Columbia Rd. NW, DC 20009

Jubilee Housing
Jubilee Youth Services (JYS) is housed in Jubilee Housing, Inc. an affordable housing non-profit that serves over 850 low-income residents. JYS offers children academic support through homework and teaching activities based on DCPS standards. Along with traditional teaching scenarios JYS offers students community service opportunities, enrichment activities like cooking, and other life skill lessons to enhance the time students spend in our centers. At JYS you will be able to serve in early child education with our Early Start program, 3rd though 6th grade students in our Activity Zone, and 7th through 12th grade students in our Teen Renaissance center.
Contact: Alice Walker / (202) 299-1240/awalker@jubileehousing.org / www.jubileehousing.org
1640 Columbia Rd. NW, Washington, DC 20009

Kids Enjoy Exercise Now (KEEN)
KEEN is a national, nonprofit volunteer-led organization that provides one-to-one recreational opportunities for children and young adults with developmental and physical disabilities at no cost to their families and caregivers. KEEN's mission is to foster the self-esteem, confidence, skills and talents of its athletes through non-competitive activities, allowing young people facing even the most significant challenges to meet their individual goals. Volunteer opportunities take place at St. Coletta School (SE) on Saturdays from 12-3pm, accessible via the Stadium-Armory Metro.
Contact: Beth Wenger / (301) 770-3200 / programsdc@keengreaterdc.org / www.keengreaterdc.org
LAYC Career Academy Public Charter School (LAYCCA)
The LAYCCA provides youth ages 16-24 years with college credits, a rigorous and flexible GED, college preparatory curriculum; and career preparation in healthcare and information technology fields. They serve disconnected youth of DC. Volunteers can help provide tutoring for students in reading and math between the hours of 9am-3pm Monday through Friday. Volunteers must also pass a police background check & Child Protection Clearance. Key to this role is the ability to connect with urban youth. Metro & supply stipends are available based on need.
Contact: Erin Tarpley /erin@laycca.org/ 202-866-0409/ www.laycca.org/contactus.html/
3224 16th Street, NW, DC 20010

Latin American Youth Center
LAYC is a non-profit youth development organization that provides local youth with multi-cultural, comprehensive, and innovative programs that address youths’ social, academic and career needs. The Education Department seeks volunteers to support projects that involve after-school programs, college access office, and parent engagement initiatives. They are looking for students with skills to offer administrative support for all educational programs, to assist in community service projects, and to serve as near peer mentors to share the college experience with others taking on the college application process. Volunteer can work Monday-Friday with varying hours that range from 10am – 6pm.
Contact: George Garcia / george@layc-dc.org / (202) 276-2729 / http://www.layc-dc.org
1419 Columbia Rd. NW, Washington, DC 20009

Latino Student Fund (LSF)
LSF provides opportunities for a strong academic foundation for underserved PreK-12th grade students of Hispanic descent to promote higher education and professional leadership. LSF provides free programs for students from PreK-12 as well as their adult family members throughout the entire DC metro area. Individuals can volunteer at any of 4 sites choosing from options such as tutoring elementary school students, teaching English or computer classes, and mentoring a student through the college application process. Programs take place during the week from 3pm-6pm and on Saturdays from 9:30am-12pm. All sites require an online application and background check; certain sites also require TB test and fingerprinting.
Contact: (202) 244-3438 / programs@latinosstudentfund.org / www.latinosstudentfund.org
3480 Woodley Rd NW, DC 20016

The Next Step Public Charter School
Next Step PCS aims to offer students who face extraordinary challenges and who are not supported adequately in traditional public school the chance to continue their education. This school is the oldest charter school in DC and is currently looking for volunteers to provide academic support to GED and English language learners during a day-time and an evening program. Day-time hours are Monday through Friday, 9am to 3 pm. The evening program runs Monday through Thursday, 6 to 9 pm. Volunteers can let them know what days and hours work best.
Contact: Steve Pajares/ steve@nextsteppcs.org/ volunteers@nextsteppcs.org
3047 15th St. NW DC 20009

Sitar Center for the Arts
This Center is a community arts organization offering after-school, Saturday, and summer arts education programs to residents of the Adams Morgan, Mount Pleasant, and Columbia Heights neighborhoods. The Sitar Center currently serves over 200 students in the areas of music, dance, drama, writing, and visual art. The programs are accessible and affordable to the youth in the neighborhood.
Contact: A. Lorraine Robinson / (202) 797-2145x107 / lorraine@sitarartscenter.org / www.sitarartscenter.org
1700 Kalorama Road NW #101, DC 20009

Safe Shores
A children’s advocacy center that provides intervention, hope, and healing for children and families affected by abuse, trauma, and violence in the DC-area. Safe Shores also works to prevent child abuse through education and training.
Contact: (202) 645-3200 / team@safeshores.org / http://www.safeshores.org/
429 O St. NW, D.C. 20001
Sasha Bruce Youthwork
Sasha Bruce Youthwork (SBY) delivers comprehensive services to meet the urgent needs of at-risk youth and their families and is a key provider of youth and family services in Washington, D.C. and the surrounding community. As a private, non-profit agency, SBY offers unique programs designed to provide a wide-range of services to young people and their families.

Contact: (202) 675-9340x120 / info@sashabruce.org / www.sashabruce.org
741 8th Street, SE DC 20003

Student athletes Organized to Understand Leadership (SOUL)
SOUL is a sports-based youth development organization partnering with DC Public Schools and other community organizations to provide academic, athletic, and professional development resources. We aim to use sports as a catalyst to break the cycle of poverty. We are currently looking for tutors and mentors for high school students Monday-Friday 3-5pm and Saturday 11am-1pm

Contact: Yun Simpson / ysimpson@soulprograms.org / www.soulprograms.org
1140 3rd St. NE, Washington, DC 20011

Teaching for Change
Teaching for Change provides teachers and parents with the tools to create schools where students learn to read, write and change the world. By drawing direct connections to real world issues, Teaching for Change encourages teachers and students to question and re-think the world inside and outside their classrooms, build a more equitable, multicultural society, and become active global citizens.

Contact: (202) 588-7204 / info@teachingforchange.org / www.teachingforchange.org

Teens Run DC
Teens Run DC empowers at-risk youth to envision and work towards the achievement of personal goals through an adult mentoring and distance running program. Students train alongside their running leaders and mentors who guide youth to develop the skills necessary to achieve their running and life goals. They learn greater responsibility, discipline, perseverance, and goal-setting skills as they train for races. They also become healthier and feel better about themselves and work towards success in running and school. Individual mentors serve as positive role models and peers working towards similar goals.

Contact: Steve Hocker / (202) 818-8600x3 / steve@teensrundc.org / www.teensrundc.org
218 9th Street SE Rear Alley, DC 20003