



SPEAK FOR THE TREES Boston

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TEEN URBAN TREE CORPS, 2022

Job Position: Youth Member

Help build a sustainable, green, and healthy environment in Boston!

Overview

Speak for the Trees, Boston, aims to improve the size and health of Boston's urban forest, especially in under-resourced and under-canopied neighborhoods. In 2019, Teen Urban Tree Corps collected data on 5,000 street trees and empty planting sites in Boston (see opentreemap.org/boston.) In 2020, due to COVID-19, the Teen Urban Tree Corps program ran remotely. Over the course of the virtual program, teens told stories of their community trees. In 2021, teens learned about careers in urban forestry, meeting with professional arborists, government officials, local leaders, urban planners, landscape architects, and more. In addition to learning about the field of urban forestry, the teens created community based planting plans, which are available at, <https://treeboston.org/get-involved/tutc/>.

This year, the 6-week program will continue to provide workforce development opportunities for Boston youth. Through various trips and activities, teens will gain skills in urban forestry and learn about the importance of urban trees and how to plant, care for, and advocate for trees. Teens will also make connections in the world of urban forestry. As a final project, teens will develop a tree planting plan in their community based on what they learned in the program.

The program will run for 6 weeks starting in early July; 25 hours per week at \$14.25 / hour. *This position is only open to Boston residents between the ages of 15-18.*

Key Duties and Responsibilities

- Learn from civic, environmental, and arboricultural professionals on the importance of urban trees.
- Learn and apply skills in arboriculture and forestry, including identification, tree planting, and tree care.
- Develop outreach material to learn what your friends, neighbors, and leaders think about trees.
- Using an assortment of online tools, develop a vision for a future neighborhood tree canopy.

Ideal Candidate For This Job

- Positive attitude, flexible, humble, adaptable and coachable. No previous work experience necessary!
- Strong interest in being a team player.
- Able to learn safe practices and make good judgments related to safety.
- Strong communication skills
- Able to work independently.
- Is a team player and can collaborate with others.
- Interested in engaging with residents about environmental and public health.
- Creative, flexible, and critical thinker
- Loves green spaces and healthy communities
- Committed to social justice, racial equity, and climate resilience
- Comfortable using computers and smartphone applications
- Bilingual fluency welcomed!
- Able to walk 2-3 miles per day.

For more info, questions, or an application, please contact Eva Paradiso at eva@treeboston.org.