



DCFS Find Your Future: Summer Internships for Our College Youth

What is Find Your Future?

In the career world, relationships are everything. Networks and connections have an enormous impact on an individual's professional advancement. The Find Your Future program selects and matches youth in DCFS care who are enrolled as a full-time college students with paid, full-time, 10-week internships lasting from early June through mid-August. These internships are an amazing opportunity for students to gain substantive work experience, network and cultivate career building skills. The program is sponsored by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and made possible by donations from participating employers.

“I had a great opportunity and was able to network. It was a really valuable experience and I would do it again.” -2008 Intern

“I rate my internship experience a 10 because it was the best thing that could ever happen to me. I learned a lot and it made me choose my career.” -2007 Intern

Who is eligible?

Any past or current ward of the state who is a full-time college freshman, sophomore, junior or senior not graduating in May of 2009, with a minimum GPA of 2.5 is eligible to apply for the program. Any student who will graduate before the fall of 2009 is not eligible. Youth who have participated in the program once are welcome to re-apply if they meet the age requirements for YIS and YIC in addition to the other criteria. **Applications must be postmarked by February 13, 2009. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.**

How Do I Get More Information?

To download the application, click on the link below. If you have additional questions please visit our website www.kaleidoscope4kids.org/fyf.html or contact Abbie See at 773-292-4027 or asee@kaleidoscope4kids.org.

“I walked away with a great experience, an amazing letter of recommendation, and published writings”-2007 Intern

