

CHESAPEAKE YOUTH INITIATIVE

Call for Mentors



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Today's youth are increasingly active participants in their communities as advocates for social and environmental issues. Despite their important and fresh perspectives, they have few opportunities to engage in state and regional policy conversations in meaningful ways. This is particularly true for youth from marginalized communities.

Join us for year two of the Chesapeake Youth Initiative, a unique opportunity to harness youth energy and enthusiasm to advance our collective work! The Chesapeake Youth Initiative aims to provide 10-15 high school students with a better understanding of the complex issues facing the Chesapeake Bay watershed and build their networking and leadership skills. These Youth Ambassadors will join a cohort of their peers, attend a guest lecture series, and be paired with a CBP staff member to mentor them as they complete an action project in their watershed community. At the end of the summer, Youth Ambassadors will share their experiences and action projects with Chesapeake Bay Program staff and leadership at our first annual Summit. They will also have the option to write a blog post or participate in a relevant Chesapeake Bay Program workgroup meeting after the conclusion of the summit.

To make this a success, we need your help! Be a Chesapeake Youth Initiative Mentor. We are seeking **volunteer-based mentors** to share their knowledge and expertise with these committed and thoughtful students and to mentor youth in applying their skills and knowledge in an action project of their own. Mentors should be knowledgeable about the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement, actively engaged at the Chesapeake Bay Program, and have a career related to the environment. Volunteering as a Mentor requires an estimated 40 hours from July to September.

Join us for this exciting mentorship opportunity that will empower youth to share their thoughts and concerns and learn to be stewards and advocates for their watershed communities!

Participation Details and Timeline

Time commitment:

Approximately 40 hours; July-September 2, 2022

Orientation (late May)

- Attend a Mentor Orientation Session during the week of May 23, 2022

Phase 1 (July 8-July 14)

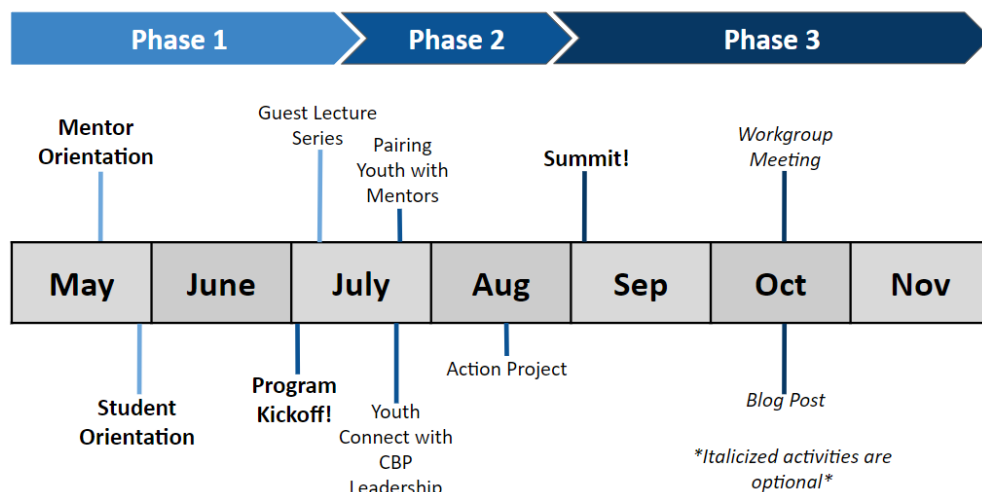
- Youth attend Program Kickoff (1 hour); July 8
- Guest lecture series (6 lectures, 1 hour each); July 11-13
- Youth connect with CBP leadership (1 hour); July 14

Phase 2 (July 15- September 1)

- Youth attend cohort meetings and networking opportunities (1 hour/meeting, 4 total)
- Action Project: weekly check-ins between assigned mentor and youth ambassador
- Mentors help prepare their youth ambassadors for their report out at the virtual summit

Phase 3 (September 2- November)

- Participate in a virtual summit; hear youth discuss their experiences and action projects (3 hours); September 2
- Optional: Provide support for your Youth Ambassador if they choose to pursue the options of a blog post or a meeting with a Chesapeake Bay Program workgroup (September- November)



To register your interest in participating as a Mentor, please fill out [this form](#).

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