





Chicago Conservation Leadership Corps

The Chicago Conservation Leadership Corps program (CCLC) is a six-week conservation service-learning experience. Selected individuals will participate on crews that will consist of 10-12 high school students and two adult crew leaders.

As a team, the crew will perform ecological restoration and trail maintenance projects in the Forest Preserves of Cook County for six weeks. Each Friday, students will participate in field days learning about the local ecology and the environment at various sites throughout the region. See below for FAQ!

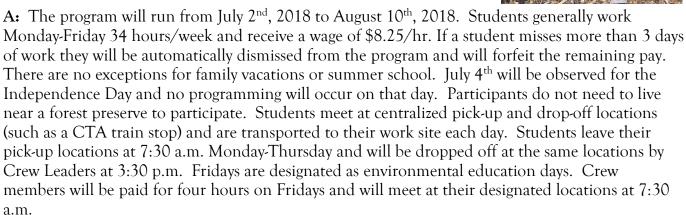
Q: What are the age requirements to participate in the program?

A: Students must be 15-19 years old by program start and enrolled in high school or be a 2018 high school graduate.

Q: How do I apply?

A: Visit <u>www.fotfp.org</u> and apply online or download a printable version. The application will open on **January**, 22nd 2018 and will close on **March** 19th, 2018.

Q: What is the time commitment and how does transportation work?





Q: What exactly do students do and where do they work?

A: Students will spend one week learning job skills that will prepare them for the program and give them skills that they can use in the future. They then engage in rewarding and valuable physical work outdoors on conservation and restoration projects in the Forest Preserves of Cook County including trail work, invasive species removal and nature center projects. Throughout



each week time will be devoted to learning about the local ecology and environment. Once a student is hired, they will usually be placed at the forest preserve work site that is closest to their home.

Q: How can I improve my chances of getting into the program?

A: We highly encourage you to volunteer at a forest preserve to learn more about what you will be doing this summer and to see if you like the work. Applicants that come out for two volunteer events removing invasive plants or helping out at a Nature Center have a better chance of securing a position for the summer (see below for information). We also encourage you to spend time thinking about and answering the essay section of your application.

We receive many applications and are looking for students that are excited about working in the forest preserves and helping our environment.

Q: Where can I volunteer in the Forest Preserves of Cook County?

A: The CLC program encourages applicants to attend two volunteer events at a nearby forest preserve. However, volunteering is not a requirement to apply. We encourage volunteering because this will give you a better understanding of what you will be doing during the summer. Volunteer events happen almost every Saturday or Sunday. Events are led by certified leaders who instruct you on how to remove invasive species among other activities. To find an event go to http://fpdcc.com/volunteer/.

To receive program credit for volunteering you must complete the forms on the following page. Forms must be included with your application, NO EXCEPTIONS.

Q: Who do I call with additional questions?

A: For more information please contact:

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Chicago Conservation Leadership Corps Program Volunteer Credit Form



PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Applicant Name			
Forest Preserve Name		Date of Event	
Please have the volunteer Sit	e Steward or workday le	eader complete the following:	
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