



Yosemite Leadership Program Summer Internship Application



**YOSEMITE
LEADERSHIP
PROGRAM**

Eligibility Questions	Circle or BOLD your answer
1. Are you a current student enrolled at University of California (UC) Merced, or have you participated in a Youth in Yosemite program like Youth Conservation Corps, NatureBridge, WildLink, Adventure Risk Challenge, Parks in Focus?	Yes / No
2. Will you be available for the full 12 weeks May 20 through Aug 9, 2024?	Yes / No
3. Are you willing to obtain, or do you have a driver's license and a clean driving record?	Yes/ No
4. Are you willing to receive a full background check as well as drug testing?	Yes / No
5. Are you going to be at least 18 years old by May 20, 2025?	Yes / No

If you qualify through Youth in Yosemite participation, identify the program: _____

Applicant information:

Name: _____ School: _____

Current year in school: _____ Major: _____

Graduation Date: _____ Age: _____

School Email: _____ Personal Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

References:

Two people who can speak about your abilities and work as a member of a team. These could be anyone other than family. Include an email address and phone number for each person and a few words about where you know them from.

Reference 1:

Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____

Reference 2:

Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____



Rank your internship preferences from 1 (first choice) to 5 (last choice)

See full position descriptions online for details

_____ Cultural Landscape Intern: YNP Resources Management and Science: Cultural Resources

_____ Indian Cultural Demonstrator: YNP Division of Interpretation and Education: Indian Cultural Program

_____ Merced River Ecological Restoration Intern: YNP Division of Resources Management and Science: Vegetation and Ecological Restoration

_____ Trails Volunteer Coordinator Assistant Intern: YNP Facilities and Maintenance: Trails

_____ Communications Intern: Marketing and Communications team: Yosemite Conservancy

Written Responses

Type in a separate document and label each page with your name. Aim for 1 to 2 pages total.

1. Why are you interested in the Yosemite Leadership Program Summer Internship?
2. What important leadership traits do you have and when did you use them?
3. Describe a time when you were part of a team. How did you help achieve team goals?
4. Tell about a time when you stepped outside of your comfort zone to pursue a goal you are passionate about. What did you learn from that experience?



Formal Letter of Recommendation – Suggested but not required

Arrange to have someone write formal letters of recommendation describing how they know you, what they see as your strengths and how you would be a good fit for the Yosemite Leadership Program Summer Internship. These could be anyone but family. That includes coaches, mentors, camp leaders, instructors, church leaders, and more. These may be the same people you listed as references. Due by March 2nd, 2025. If you were a previous Youth In Yosemite Program participant, your letter of reference must be staff from your time in that program, confirming your participation.

Application Checklist

Send the following documents to connie_lau@nps.gov by **11:59 pm on March 2, 2025** with subject line “YLPSI 2025 Application – **YOUR NAME**”

1. Complete Eligibility Questions, Applicant Information, and Rank of Internship Preferences on pages 1 and 2
2. Resume
3. Written responses in a separate document
4. Proof of Academic good standing in a transcript or grade report
5. Optional but encouraged letter of recommendation directly to connie_lau@nps.gov

Questions?

Email your questions to connie_lau@nps.gov