



## Youth Writing Internship

826 Boston recruits a group of enthusiastic, dedicated interns for the fall, spring and summer semesters. Interns will work individually and collectively with each other, our staff of nine full-time employees, and a large group of volunteers.

Youth Writing Interns join 826 Boston's In-Schools Team, supporting staff in program development for the upcoming school year in the Writers' Rooms. Interns will assist with research regarding the early stages of upcoming book projects, College Essay Boot Camp Month, discover new literature to add to the Writers' Rooms library, develop creative writing prompts, and other projects as needed. This is an opportunity to get experience in creative arts education, learn about the day-to-day operations of Writers' Rooms, and join the network of national 826 chapters while building job skills, advancing your resume, and acquiring excellent references. Applicants must be over the age of 18 but need not be currently enrolled in an academic program.

Youth Writing Interns commit to 16 hours per week of unpaid work for a minimum of three months. Named one of GOOD magazine's "30 Places We Want to Work," 826 Boston is a vibrant work environment, bustling with staff, interns, students, and volunteers.

### **About 826 Boston:**

826 Boston is a nonprofit youth writing and publishing organization that empowers traditionally underserved students ages 6-18 to find their voices, tell their stories, and gain communication skills to succeed in school and in life. 826 Boston is part of a national network of youth writing centers, founded by the award-winning author Dave Eggers. Since opening in 2007, 826 Boston has delivered its free youth writing and tutoring programs to over 16,000 students and has been recognized by *The Boston Globe* as one of the best places in the city to volunteer. 826 Boston's youth writers have published their work in *The New York Times*, *The Boston Globe*, and in numerous award-winning 826 Boston books, including *A Place for Me in the World*, which was hailed as a "triumph of middle school education" by *The Boston Globe*.

826 Boston is an equal opportunity employer committed to being a multicultural organization. Candidates from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply. For more information, please visit <http://www.826boston.org>.

### **Our ideal candidate has:**

- Enthusiastic belief in the mission of 826 Boston as evidenced by a passion for writing and working with youth
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Strong organizational skills and the ability to multi-task
- Attention to detail that is deeply rooted and includes the ability to check your own work



- Proven track record or collaboration/teamwork
- Leadership background that includes taking a project from beginning to end
- Perseverance and ability to push through challenges, as evidenced in life, academics, leadership or work experience.

**What you'll do:**

- Support program staff with new literacy initiatives for our high school Writers' Room, researching new books to feature, creating writing prompts to inspire students to write, and revamping new ways to utilize word walls in our writing center
- Research and schedule creative writing workshop leaders for the fall
- Assist with planning future book projects and College Essay Boot Camp Month for high school students

**Estimated start date is in June**

**Application Instructions:** Please send a résumé, cover letter and two references to "volunteer@826boston.org" with the subject line "Youth Writing Internship." References can submit their recommendation using our [online recommendation form at http://www.826boston.org/get-involved/join-our-team](http://www.826boston.org/get-involved/join-our-team). Applications will be reviewed by 826 Boston on a rolling basis. If you have any questions, please contact our volunteer department at [volunteer@826boston.org](mailto:volunteer@826boston.org).