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Career Area	City/County	Program Type	Age/Grade	Other Criteria	Description	Notes
Administration	Shawnee	Internship	Age 18+	Some require college coursework in a related field	This program gives students an opportunity to be exposed to work in the public sector prior to graduation. Submit application online for consideration.	https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/cityofshawnee/
Administration	Johnson County	Student Election Worker	Ages 16 & 17 only	Must be JoCo resident & be registered to vote	Opportunity to serve as an election worker during a local election.	https://www.iocportal.org/ElectionJudgeApplication.aspx
Administration	Olathe	Teen Council	High School	Must be Olathe resident	Students learn about civic engagement and government and meet community leaders. The program involves attending Teen Council meetings, City Council Meetings, School Board meetings, or other leadership opportunities.	https://www.olatheks.org/government/boards-commissions-committees/teen-council
Administration	Overland Park	Teen Council	High School	Must attend an Overland Park High School	Program that allows high school students to get an inside look at local government. Over the course of the school year, students will learn about different city departments, attend committee meetings, participate in and lead service projects, and form relationships with their elected leaders.	https://www.opkansas.org/city-government/boards-commissions/teen-council/
Administration	Unified Government WyCo/KCK	Election Worker	Age 16+	Must be a U.S. citizen & resident of Wyandotte Co.	Kansas high school students (16+) are eligible to be election workers. This opportunity provides a greater awareness of the electoral process and rights/responsibilities of voters.	https://www.wycokck.org/Departments/Election-Office/Election-Workers
Courts & Legal	Kansas City, MO	Law Intern	One year of law school	N/A	The Office of the City Attorney provides legal services to the Mayor, the City Council, City Manager, boards, commissions, and all other departments of the City. Interns may be placed in one of three general divisions to assist attorneys with cases, projects, and other legal matters. (Also eligible with undergrad degree and interest in law.)	https://www.kcmo.gov/city-hall/departments/law
Courts & Legal	Grandview	Youth Court	Ages 12 to 19, Grades 7-12	Grandview resident or attend Grandview Consolidated School District #4	Getting involved in Youth Court is a great way to help the community and build valuable experience. Prospective members receive an initial six weeks of training classes presented by local attorneys. At the end of training, all students must pass a "bar" exam before serving in Youth Court.	https://www.grandview.org/government/municipal-court/youth-court
Courts & Legal	Jackson County	Youth Court	N/A	N/A	Youth Court is a peer tried court.	https://www.eicyouthcourt.com/
Courts & Legal	Johnson County	District Attorney Volunteer	Age 18+	See website	As a volunteer you will have an opportunity to advocate for the victim. You will help educate the public about the criminal justice process, while enhancing the efficiency of prosecuting the case. Volunteers help the unit to serve more victims in a timely manner and also allow for more individualized time to be given to victims.	https://da.jocogov.org/volunteer-program
Courts & Legal	Johnson County	Internship	N/A	Completion of 2nd year of law school	Paid intern program for law students that have completed their second year of law school.	https://da.jocogov.org/internship-program
Courts & Legal	Johnson County	Youth Court	Contact for details	Contact for details	Youth volunteers participate in the roles of: prosecuting and defense attorneys, judges, jury members, and bailiffs.	https://courts.jocogov.org/cs_vc.aspx#:~:text=if%20you%20are%20interested%20in,Kristen.Christensen%40jocogov.org
Courts & Legal	Lee's Summit	Youth Court	Ages 13 to 19	Resident of Lee's Summit or attend a public, private school or home school within the R- 7 School District.	Youth Court is a diversion program designed on the concept of "positive peer pressure". Juvenile offenders are given the choice of appearing before our court or going to the Jackson County Circuit Court, Family Court Division in Kansas City, MO. They will be defended, tried, judged, convicted or exonerated by a court comprised of other youths. Adult attorneys and the youth officer are available for advice, but youths will make the final decisions.	https://cityofls.net/police-department/programs-and-services/youth-court
Fire/EMS	Johnson County	Ride-along	Ages 16+	N/A	We provide an opportunity to ride along with a MED-ACT ambulance.	Please email joe.folsom@jocogov.org

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Fire/EMS	Lenexa	Citizens Academy	Age 18+	Live or work in Lenexa; have no significant criminal record	Provides an in-depth understanding of the role we serve in the community. Participants will learn about the responsibilities of the four divisions of the fire department (administration, professional development, fire prevention, and operations) through classroom settings, technical demonstrations, and participation in task-based scenarios.	https://www.lenexa.com/government/departments-divisions/fire/programs_event_requests/citizens_fire_academy
Fire/EMS	Olathe	Job Opportunity	Age 18+	Must have an EMT Certification as a minimum. FF 1 & 2 preferred.	We're hiring full-time firefighter-paramedics and firefighter-EMTs!	https://olatheks.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/OlatheKS
Fire/EMS	Olathe	Fire Explorer Program	Ages 14 to 20	N/A	Six-month program (meeting every 2 weeks) to learn about the Olathe Fire Department and prepare themselves for a career in the fire services. Instruction includes emergency operations, fire tactics, emergency medical services, and public education.	https://www.olatheks.org/residents/youth-education-programs/fire-explorer-post-2884
Human Services	Johnson County	Volunteer	Varies	Varies	Various volunteer programs to support aging and vulnerable populations	https://joco.samaritan.com/recruiter/index.php?class=OppSearch&recruiterID=501&act=search_all&type=all
Human Services	Johnson County	Volunteer	Ages 18+	High school diploma required	We have the following volunteer opportunities for people ages 18 and older: Extension Master Food Volunteer Extension Master Gardener Extension Master Naturalist 4-H/Youth Development Community Garden Volunteer Volunteer Income Tax Assistance	https://www.johnson.k-state.edu/volunteers.html
Human Services	Shawnee	Volunteer	Varies	Signed waiver is the minimum requirement to volunteer. Specific programs and roles may have additional paperwork or processes.	Varies. Most are posted on our website under "Volunteer Opportunities"	https://www.cityofshawnee.org/residents/volunteer_opportunities
Law Enforcement	Shawnee	Youth Academy	Age 18+	Must work or live in the City of Shawnee	Participants in the academy will meet and interact with officers and see how the members of the Shawnee Police Department work to maintain a safe community.	https://cityofshawnee.org/Departments/Police/Programs_and_Services/Youth_Academy
Law Enforcement	Kansas City, MO	Explorer Program	Ages 14 to 20	Must be a KCMO resident	Working alongside veteran police officers, youth Explorers meet twice a month with hands-on activities like field trips, special guests, behind-the-scenes tours, and basic training in police tactics.	https://www.kcpd.org/get-involved/explorers-program/
Law Enforcement	Leawood	Citizens Academy	Age 18+	Live or work in Leawood	The Leawood Citizen's Police Academy provides citizens the opportunity to experience first-hand what it's like to be a Leawood Police Officer. For 10 weeks, participants will learn about the police department and, through a variety of practical exercises, be able to see for themselves what being a police officer is like.	https://www.leawood.org/police/citizensacademy/
Law Enforcement	Lee's Summit	Junior Police Academy	Ages 12 to 14	Attend Lee's Summit R-7 School District or live in Lee's Summit	The Lee's Summit Junior Police Academy is a week-long program structured to simulate a professional Police Academy experience for youth.	https://cityofls.net/police-department/programs-and-services/junior-police-academy
Law Enforcement	Lenexa	Police Intern	Age 18+	Entering into Junior or Senior Year (pursuing any degree)	Police intern during the summer.	https://www.lenexa.com/government/departments-divisions/police/internships
Law Enforcement	Lenexa	Youth Police Academy	Ages 13 to 17	Live or attend school in Lenexa; or have parent or grandparent living or working in Lenexa	One-week summer program, offered two times each year, for teens that teach students about law enforcement, its challenges and the philosophy of teamwork.	https://www.lenexa.com/government/departments-divisions/police/youth_outreach/youth_police_academy
Law Enforcement	Liberty	Junior Police Academy	7th and 8th grades	Must be students within the Liberty School District	The program is designed to motivate young people to be outstanding citizens and to empower them to act as a positive influence in their community. It blends classroom learning with hands on activities to expose Junior Cadets to a variety of topics.	https://libertymissouri.gov/2637/Community-Outreach
Law Enforcement	Olathe	Police Department Internship	Ages 18+	College students can participate in a paid college-credited internship program with the Olathe Police Department (OPD) during fall, spring and summer semesters.	College students can participate in a volunteer college-credited internship program with the Olathe Police Department (OPD) during fall, spring and summer semesters.	https://www.olatheks.org/government/police/police-careers/college-internship-program
Law Enforcement	Olathe	Police Explorer Program	Ages 14 to 20	Completed 8th grade & maintain a "C" average. NOT required to live in Olathe	Program designed to provide challenging knowledge and training for young people interested in a law enforcement career. The Explorers are given the opportunity to perform various police tasks while not being placed in dangerous situations.	https://www.olatheks.org/residents/youth-education-programs/police-explorer-post-2885
Law Enforcement	Overland Park	Police Dept. Internship	Age 18+	High school diploma, GED, or equivalent; enrolled in college or university	Internship program designed to allow college students an opportunity to observe police department operations, learn more about the law enforcement environment and be mentored by trained professionals.	https://www.opkansas.org/city-government/departments/police-department/oppd-careers/police-department-internships/

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Law Enforcement	Overland Park	Police Explorer Program	Ages 14 to 20 (and 8th grade completed)	GPA of 2.0+; completed 8th grade; clear criminal record; valid driver's license or permit	Police officers serve as Explorer advisers who oversee the program.	https://www.opkansas.org/city-services/police-fire-safety/police-special-services/police-explorers-program/
Law Enforcement	Shawnee	Youth Academy	Ages 13 to 17	Live or attend school in Shawnee; <u>or</u> have parent or grandparent or guardian lives or works in Shawnee	The Shawnee Police Youth Academy is a week-long summer camp. It's a fun, interactive learning experience designed to teach students about law enforcement and to build relationships between police officers and young adults.	https://cityofshawnee.org/Departments/Police/Programs and Services/Youth Academy
Law Enforcement	Unified Government WyCo/KCK	Police Athletic League	Age 10+	N/A	The Police Athletic League offers youth an opportunity to interact with police officers in a positive setting while participating in academic, cultural, mentoring and sports programs.	https://www.palkck.org/
Parks	Olathe	Library Volunteer	Age 13+	N/A	Volunteer jobs including Teen Department, Materials Shelver, Holds Assistant, Book Sale Volunteers, Library to Library Volunteers. Scholarship opportunity for teens who complete 100+ hours.	https://www.olathelibrary.org/about-us/support-us/volunteer
Parks & Recreation	Johnson County	Volunteer	Age 13+	N/A	Library Fundraising Volunteer	https://joco.samaritan.com/recruiter/501/OppDetails/1216/Library-Lets-Loose-2021/
Parks & Recreation	Clay County	Volunteer	N/A	N/A	Nature Center Volunteer	https://claycountymo.gov/480/Nature-Center#:~:text=For%20more%20information%2C%20schedule%20an,(816)%20407%2D3400.
Parks & Recreation	Jackson County	Seasonal/Temp	Age 16+	Must have valid driver's license	Concession workers, Ballfield Crew	http://www.jacksongov.org/jobs
Parks & Recreation	Jackson County	Volunteer	N/A	N/A	Volunteer opportunities for everyone, from Adopt-A-Programs to historic sites, recreation, special populations, golf course, lakes and more!	https://www.makeyourdayhere.com/About-Us/Volunteering
Parks & Recreation	Johnson County	Museum Volunteer	Varies	N/A	Opportunities to assist with museum programming, special events, docent-led exhibit tours, visitor services, and behind the scenes work. Contact HumanResources@Leawood.org to request more information.	https://www.icprd.com/759/Volunteer-Opportunities
Parks & Recreation	Johnson County	Parks and Recreation Volunteer	Varies	N/A	Volunteer options in a variety of Parks & Recreation areas.	https://www.icprd.com/247/Volunteer-Opportunities
Parks & Recreation	Kansas City, MO	Volunteer	Age 18+ (or under 18 with parental consent)	N/A	Various one-time and ongoing volunteer opportunities	https://kcparks.org/volunteering/
Parks & Recreation	Leawood	Oxford School Docent	College level	General interest in the Arts	Works at the Historical School House and helps put on history type events for school children during the spring/summer. Contact HumanResources@Leawood.org to request more information.	https://leawood.org/human-resources/
Parks & Recreation	Leawood	Seasonal/Temp	Age 18+	N/A	Seasonal Parks Maintenance Worker (on Turf Maintenance or Horticulture crew) to allow experience and introduce to the Parks Maintenance career. Contact HumanResources@Leawood.org to request more information.	https://leawood.org/human-resources/
Parks & Recreation	Lenexa	Volunteer	N/A	N/A	Various volunteer programs within Parks and Recreation	https://www.lenexa.com/government/departments_divisions/parks_recreation/volunteer_opportunities
Parks & Recreation	Olathe	Volunteers in the Park	N/A	N/A	Volunteers opportunities such as picking up trash, adopting a park or trail, painting park equipment or accessories, landscaping or gardening, and improving habitat for fish and wild life.	https://www.olatheks.org/government/parks-recreation/parks-trails-bike-lanes/volunteers-in-the-parks
Parks & Recreation	Platte County	Volunteer	N/A	N/A	Various opportunities to perform volunteer services in Platte County parks	https://www.platteparks.com/volunteer/
Public Health/Mental Health	Johnson County	Job Shadow	Age 15+	N/A	4- or 8-hour job shadowing opportunities within our adult mental health case management teams or our mental health nursing clinics	https://www.jocogov.org/department/mental-health/education-outreach/job-shadowing
Public Health/Mental Health	Various	Volunteer, Job Shadow, Internships	K-12	N/A	We offer many opportunities for students K-12 to get involved at University Health. Youth volunteering & shadowing, classroom guest speakers, career tour, career fairs, etc.	https://www.universityhealthkc.org/careers/career-connections/
Public Works	Leawood	GIS Intern	College Junior or Senior	Must be pursuing a GIS/Earth Science degree	Internship working with Leawood Public Works Maintenance Department; assist with tracking activities and using GIS programs. Email HumanResources@Leawood.org for more information.	https://leawood.org/human-resources/
Various	Olathe	Intern Program	Age 18+	Summer internships	Opportunity to earn hands on experience as an Intern in your area of interest such as Communications, Engineering, Laboratory, HR, Parks & Rec, and Library.	https://www.olatheks.org/government/human-resources/employment

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Various	Olathe	Teen Jobs	Age 15+	Seasonal jobs	Employment Opportunities in your area of interest such as Lifeguard, Swim Instructor, Kids Crew Leader, Youth Sports Official, Day Camp Counselor, Party Room Hosts and Library.	https://olatheks.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/OlatheKS
Various	Johnson County	Volunteer	All ages welcome to volunteer. Some restrictions apply.	For most volunteer opportunities, a formal orientation is required, along with an application and background check.	Home Delivered Meals: Deliver a hot, nutritious meal Monday-Friday to homebound seniors over the lunch hour. Volunteers not only provide a meal, but also conduct a safety well-being check. Must be 18+ to volunteer independently and complete a formal orientation, application, and background check. Students under 18 may deliver meals with a parent or guardian. Host a Food Drive: Collect non-perishable food and hygiene products for our food pantry. All ages are welcome and no formal training is required. Special Delivery: Deliver supplies for virtual classes or food pantry donations to our food pantries. Volunteers must be 18+ to volunteer independently and complete a formal orientation, application, and background check. Students under 18 may deliver supplies or food with a parent or guardian.	www.jocogov.org/AHsvolunteers
Various	Lenexa	Internships	High School	Some internships have an age requirement of 18 years old or require that the student be enrolled in college classes for the career area	Planning, Stormwater, Fire, Software Developer, Police and Parks & Recreation	https://www.lenexa.com/government/departments/divisions/human_resources/job_openings
Various	Shawnee	Volunteer	Varies	N/A	Various volunteer opportunities ranging from trash pick-up to yard maintenance to snow removal to helping in one of the city departments.	https://cityofshawnee.org/residents/volunteer_opportunities
Various	Kansas City, MO	Summer Internships	Contact for details	Contact for details	The City of Kansas City, MO partners with HireKC to hire teens during the summer for a variety of city departments.	https://www.kcdigitaldrive.org/project/hirekc/