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Application Deadline: August 31, 2023



2023-2024

# YOUTH ADVOCATES

# PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

CHYA is a multilayered program designed for **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**. Our scholars will be educated on the healthcare landscape, exposed to local and global health disparities, and empowered to pave their own path toward a degree and career in the healthcare field. Students who successfully complete all components will receive a **\$1,000 stipend**.

# **Frequently Asked Questions:**

Q: What type of commitment can I expect to make?

A: Students must commit to **attending all four (4) sessions**, complete assignments by their due dates, work with their groups on a Capstone project, and be active and engaged learners throughout this year-long program. If you have any questions about what to expect, please email us!

## Q: Where will this program be held?

A: The **Fall**, **Winter**, and **Spring sessions** will be held **virtually** on **Saturday's** from **9 a.m.** to **12 p.m**. via Google Classroom. The **Summer session** will be **in-person** and students will need to complete a **40-hour internship** at a local organization.

## **PROGRAM TIMELINE**

\*schedule is subject to change\*

#### Fall 2023

#### **Community Health & Care Systems**

October 14, 2023 – December 9, 2023 Session will focus on the healthcare sector and exposure to the industry. Capstone work begins.

#### **Winter 2024**

### **Rites of Passages**

February 3, 2024 – March 23, 2024 Session will focus on self-development, overcoming diversity, and individual resilience.

#### Spring 2024

#### **Professional Certifications**

April 6, 2024 -- May 25, 2024

Session will provide multiple First A.I.D. for Mental Health workshops along with HIPPA, FERPA, and basic First Aid training. Capstone work continues.

#### **Summer 2024**

#### 40-Hour In-Person Internship

June 2024 -- July 2024

Students will be placed at a local organization and must complete a 40-hour in-person internship. All internship sites will be located in Los Angeles, CA. Internship sites will be announced in May 2024.



QUESTIONS? EMAIL US AT CHYA@CDREWU.EDU

#### **Community Health Youth Advocates (CHYA)**

2023-2024 Cohort – APPLY TODAY!

#### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Community Health Youth Advocates (CHYA), provided by Pipeline Programs at Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science, is a multilayered academic program designed for high school students. Our scholars are educated on the healthcare landscape, exposed to local and global health disparities, and empowered to pave their own path toward a degree and career in the healthcare field. Students who complete all components of the program receive a \$1,000 stipend.

Additionally, our scholars will learn about health systems and the structures that promote and challenge health equity. The notion that healthcare and equity is a human right, that health is impacted by more than just physical and mental characteristics, and that the pathways to achieving health equity and making a difference are diverse, will be emphasized and re-emphasized in our class lectures, activities, and the internship experience. For students to demonstrate their understanding of these concepts, as well as harness and challenge their creativity, students—alongside their group—will be challenged to create a new product, service, or strategy to be delivered through the nonprofit they develop in the fall session, that addresses a local or regional healthcare inequality/disparity.

Throughout this year-long academic program, our scholars participate in several components, also known as sessions, which includes Community Health and Care Systems (Fall 2023), Rites of Passage (Winter 2024); Professional Trainings and Certifications (Spring 2024), and In-Person Internship (Summer 2024). CHYA is a virtual program that is held on Google Classroom, except for the Summer 2024 session which will consist of a 40-hour in-person internship at a local organization located in Los Angeles, California. Internship sites will be announced in May 2024.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

- Must be enrolled in a high school during the 2023-2024 school year
- Students in 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to apply!

Students must be able to commit to attending all four (4) sessions, complete program assignments by their due dates, work collaboratively within their groups on a Capstone Project, and must commit to being an active learner throughout the year-long program. Additionally, students must be available to complete a 40-hour in-person internship throughout the summer session (June/July 2024) at a local organization. Students will be placed at an internship site by program staff.

#### **CHYA 2023-2024 APPLICATION LINK**

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#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

- Application Deadline: August 31, 2023
- Invitation to Interview: September 4, 2023 (check your email)
- Mandatory Student Interviews: September 11-30, 2023
- Students Notifications: October 1, 2023 (check your email)
  - If conditionally accepted, students must confirm their acceptance by October 7, 2023
- Join Google Classroom: October 11, 2023
- Fall 2023 Session Begins: October 14, 2023

#### PROGRAM TIMELINE

## Fall 2023, Community Health and Care Systems

October 14, 2023 – December 9, 2023, Saturdays via Google Classroom (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.) This session will focus on the healthcare sector and general exposure to the healthcare industry. Our scholars will learn about community health and care systems and the structures that promote and challenge health equity. In addition, students will receive an introduction to their Capstone Project and will begin working collaboratively alongside their assigned group members.

## Winter 2024, Rites of Passage (ROP)

February 3, 2024 – March 23, 2024, Saturdays via Google Classroom (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.) This session will focus on self-development, overcoming diversity, and individual resilience.

## **Spring 2024, Professional Certifications (and Shark Tank Preparation)**

April 6, 2024 – May 25, 2024, Saturdays via Google Classroom (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

This session will provide First A.I.D. for Mental Health workshops throughout the span of 3 weeks. In addition, students will receive professional certifications through Citi Program with a primary focus on HIPPA and FERPA and receive a voucher to complete the Adult, Child and Baby First Aid/CPR/AED Online training offered through the American Red Cross. Furthermore, students will receive guidance on completing their Capstone Projects in preparation for the Capstone Shark Tank event on June 1, 2024 (virtual). Please note that the Capstone Shark Tank event is mandatory.

## Summer 2024, 40-Hour In-Person Internship

June/July 2024 (schedules will vary for each student, must be available during weekdays) During this session, students will be placed at a local organization and must complete a 40-hour internship. All internship sites will be located in Los Angeles, CA. Please note that students and parents/guardians will be responsible for transportation to and from the internship site. Internship sites will be announced in May 2024.

## **QUESTIONS?**

Contact us via email: <a href="mailto:chya@cdrewu.edu">chya@cdrewu.edu</a>

Visit our webpage: www.cdrewu.edu/community/pipeline/chya