

2025 Summer Opportunities

[Central Piedmont Community College College & Career Promise](#) - CCP offers tuition free college classes to high school students in NC. At CCS, this is not considered dual enrollment in that it can not count for high school credit, but would be taken in addition to all CCS requirements. Classes taken through CPCC do not go on the CCS transcript or calculate into the CCS GPA, but a CPCC transcript would be sent in addition to our high school transcript showing colleges the college level work that was completed. Please see your college counselor for more info.

[Lipscomb University Summer Scholars](#) - Rising seniors can earn transferable college credit in the following classes: Intro to Psychology, Launch into Health Sciences, Launch into Engineering, An Entrepreneur's Introduction to Business, Intro to Communications, or Society and the Law. The program runs July 11-18.

[Lipscomb University Summer Fashion Academy](#)- Throughout the week, students will engage in interactive workshops and hands-on design and sewing projects, developing skills in garment construction and creating unique accessories with a variety of fabrics and materials. The program will also explore the importance of sustainability in fashion, encouraging and offering students the opportunity to incorporate secondhand and upcycled materials.

[UNC Charlotte Niner Academy](#)- Niner Academy is an exciting series of specialty summer camps for high school students (rising grades 9-12) who want to shape what's next with college and career.

These one-week academies will take campers on an accelerated, hands-on learning experience on a single subject area. They will learn through collaborative exercises, group discussions, and presentations.

[Wake Forest Summer Immersion Program](#) - The institutes to choose from include Artificial Intelligence, Biology Research, Business, Coding and Computer Science, Cancer Medicine, Debate and Public Advocacy, Engineering, Entrepreneurship, Filmmaking, Finance and Investing, Health and Exercise Science, Law, Leadership, Medicine, Neuroscience, Policy and Politics, Psychology, Screenwriting, Sports Business, Sports Marketing, Sports Medicine, Technology, Women's Medicine, Women's Health, and Writing For Life.

[Clemson Summer Scholars Program](#)- Every summer, the Summer Scholars program at Clemson University welcomes hundreds of campers who enjoy a one-week introduction to a variety of university learning options, while being immersed in our campus culture. Camps include Vet Camp, Nursing, Sports Analytics, Architecture, Entrepreneurship, Engineering, Fine Arts, and more. Check out the complete listing and calendar under

[UNC-Chapel Hill Tar Heel Business Academy](#)- for students currently in grades 10 or 11 with an interest in studying business. This program will run from June 23-27, 2025, and

will be located in the Bank of America Tower. Space is limited, so early applications are encouraged.

[Bank of America's Student Leaders Program](#) is now accepting applications from interested students currently in grades 11 and 12. Applications due Jan. 15, 2025.

[Samford University Bulldog Pharmacy Camp](#) - this summer program is open to students currently in grades 10-12 who would like to learn more about pharmacy careers. The program will run from June 22-27.

[Samford University Sports Business MVP Boot Camp](#) - this summer program is open to students currently in grades 9-12 who would like to learn about careers in the world of sports business. This program will run from July 13-18.

[Taylor University's IMPACT Innovation and Entrepreneurship Camp](#)-(June 22-27, 2025)a week-long residential camp hosted by Taylor University, specifically designed for current high school sophomores and juniors who aspire to be change-makers. See your college counselor to be nominated.

[NC State Design Camp](#) (June 22-28 for rising grades 10-12, July 13-19 for rising grades 11-12) Held each summer, Design Camp informs students about the study of design and raises awareness of the impact of design on all aspects of our everyday lives. The design thinking skills and creative experience gained can empower students on their path toward becoming innovative problem solvers and prepare them to tackle the challenges of the future.

[Boys' State](#) (June 15-21 for rising grade 12) Boys State is a **leadership program of action**. Participants learn the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of franchised citizens. The training is objective and centers on the structure of city, county, and state governments. Operated by students elected to various offices, Boys State activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law-enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, distinguished guest speakers, and recreational programs.

[Girls State](#) (June 21-27 for rising seniors) Rising seniors from across the state spend a week creating city government, political parties, and a state government. They elect officials, write and debate bills, create working governments and attend various workshops to prepare them for their senior year and college.

[Project Uplift](#)- is a summer enrichment and college access program designed to promote and increase access to higher education for rising high school seniors, especially those underrepresented in postsecondary education. Every summer, approximately 1,000 high school seniors participate in one of multiple Project Uplift sessions. Participants learn about the college admissions process, interact with faculty, staff, and current students, and participate in educational, cultural, and social activities.

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[NC State Shelton Leadership Program](#)- The Shelton Challenge is a six-day, residential program built on the Shelton Leadership Center's core values, and is designed to help high school students enhance their capacities to become values-based leaders. This immersive program is designed to transform potential into real-world skills through mentorship, self-reflection, and shared discovery.

[Auburn University Summer Residential Camps](#) - residential camps are offered in a number of disciplines, including vet camp, aviation, design, pharmacy, construction management, nursing, creative writing and video production

[University of South Carolina Summer Adventure Series](#) - residential camps are offered in a number of disciplines, including nursing, design, sports medicine, vex robotics, forensic science, photography, and marketing

[Wingate University Health Science Camp](#)- A leading healthcare educator in western North Carolina, Wingate University can help you explore a variety of careers through our weeklong Health Sciences Academy day camp. You'll take part in educational and clinical activities that give you a clear understanding of each profession and help you decide if it's the right one for you. As an added benefit, you'll earn your CPR certification. To close out the week, you'll learn all you need to know about the college admissions process, as our undergraduate admissions team share information about financial aid and scholarship opportunities with you and your family. This academy is available to current high school students. June 23 - 27, 2025, 8:30-4, grades 9-12 (ages 14-18).

[Wingate University Pharmacy Camp](#)- Join Wingate University School of Pharmacy faculty, staff and students at Pharmacy Camp! This experience is intended for high school students to learn more about the profession of pharmacy and the more than 100 career paths in the profession. Campers will gain hands-on experience with key pharmacy skills and visit local innovative pharmacy sites. Campers will experience campus life while living on campus, eating in our dining hall and enjoying evening recreational activities. Campers will have 24/7 supervision by camp counselors. July 13 - 17, 2025, 8:30-4, grades 9-12.

Volunteer Opportunities

[Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Teen Volunteers](#)- VolunTeen initiative is year-round, which means that teens ages 13 to 17* have the opportunity to earn community service hours by becoming a VolunTeen up to twice a year! Charlotte Mecklenburg Library is looking for responsible teens who enjoy working with the public, helping others, and giving back to their community. Applications are only accepted twice a year. On April 15th for the Summer semester, and August 15th for the School Year. Select branches may be recruiting in the Spring, so you can always check our volunteer page on January 1st. During application windows, please apply on the Volunteer page. Click on Become a Volunteer and search for "VolunTeen" opportunities. Applications will be accepted throughout the month as designated or until a branch has reached capacity. While there are a limited number of opportunities, almost all locations are participating in this program.

[Novant Hospital Volunteer](#)- Onboarding for Summer Volunteers will begin in March.

[Atrium Hospital Volunteer](#)- Carolinas Medical Center is offering a comprehensive Summer Teen Volunteer Program for high school students ages 15-18. The program's focus is to provide students with education and experience in a hospital setting through volunteer service and informative learning sessions. Volunteers provide non-clinical support, but there are a variety of volunteer opportunities throughout the hospital from delivering sterile equipment to various units, providing directions and/or escorting patients and visitors, assisting with clerical work, playing the lobby piano, and more.

Educational learning sessions give students the opportunity to connect with health care professionals and explore a broad variety of hospital specialties. **Applications are accepted Jan 1 - March 1.** No late applications will be accepted. Each application includes two teacher references and an essay. We also require a background check of all applicants.

- Selected applicants will be notified and scheduled for interviews March 1 through April 1.
- If selected, you will attend a three-hour orientation before volunteering in the hospital.
- Volunteers will need health clearance from Teammate Health and will be required to present a copy of their vaccinations, a health history form, and submit to a blood draw before clearance will be given.
- The 2025 Teen Volunteer application period is now open, please complete [the online application](#).

[Bright Blessings](#) - Volunteers are needed to help with birthday parties and baby showers for children experience homelessness

[Holy Angels](#) - located in Belmont, Holy Angels provides care for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They offer a Volunteer program for high school volunteers.

Year Long Programs

[Wake Forest LAUNCH Leadership Program](#)- a free nine-month college prep, social justice, and leadership development program for high school juniors in Winston-Salem, Charlotte, and the surrounding communities.

Wake Forest University Pre-College Programs invites students, families, educators, and community partners to join us for a [College LAUNCH for Leadership Program](#) virtual information session on **Wednesday, February 26th from 7:00 - 8:00 pm EST**.

[Mecklenburg County Teen Court](#) - The Teen Court Program provides an alternative justice system for teens. It is designed to provide juveniles with no previous convictions a second chance when they admit their guilt, agree to be tried by a jury of their peers, and take responsibility for their actions. Successful program completion allows the offender to avoid being processed further in the juvenile court system. Teens are trained by our member volunteers to be attorneys and jurors. Teens practice what they've learned in an actual courtroom setting.

Teens in 8th to 12th grade are eligible to submit a Mecklenburg County Teen Court Volunteer Application. Following teen jury training we ask all teens to serve, at a minimum, six Teen Court nights within a year of being trained.

[Ronald McDonald House Teen Volunteer Board](#) - Students of the Teen Leadership Board serve as ambassadors for the families of the Ronald McDonald House Charities® of the Carolinas. The mission of this group is for students to gain leadership skills and fundraising experience so that they may take those skills and become life-long volunteers within the Upstate of South Carolina.

As ambassadors of the Ronald McDonald House Charities®, Teen Leadership Board members work together to raise awareness, donate their time, and provide needed volunteer efforts to benefit the house.

[Katie's Blessings Student Advisory Council](#)- Katie Blessing Center is a behavioral health facility dedicated to children and adolescents aged 5-17. Student Ambassadors shape decisions at Katie Blessing Center. As peer advocates, you will poll peers, present views, join design meetings, and attend virtual sessions. Be a voice for your peers in mental health. The 24/25 Student Council is currently full, but to stay up to date on future opportunities, please express interest via email to Jamie Bearor Director of Strategic Planning at Katie Blessing Center at jamie.bearor@katieblessing.org