

# youth extension service Serving Those Who Serve Ve

### **Quick Facts**

- More than 175 interns representing 39 states or US territories and 114 colleges/ universities have participated in the program
- Interns commit to 1-year (12 month) cohorts
- Project YES is the result of a unique federal partnership between the DoD and USDA (NIFA)
- Project YES has served over 28,800 military youth in 49 states, 4 US territories, and Germany

# **Project Youth Extension Service**

# Background

In April 2010, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Department of Defense launched the Project Youth Extension Service (YES) program, a national military community capacity enhancement initiative that provides college students and recent college graduates with practical work experience working with military youth. The Project YES program provides military-connected youth the opportunity to participate in youth development programs specifically developed address their unique challenges. Further, it provides Project YES interns the invaluable opportunity of gaining professional experience, developing knowledge and skills, and enhancing their marketability within the competitive job search process.

## Highlights

- Project YES interns facilitate youth programs focused on leadership development, resilience and life skills, and STEM activities.
- Project YES curriculum offers youth development programs specifically designed to address the challenges associated with military deployments and family absences.
- Evidenced-based, experiential activities provide youth and teens the resources to successfully maneuver a wide spectrum of daily challenges throughout all phases of their lives.













- Project YES interns receive a stipend for each day spent actively facilitating Project YES youth development activities or curriculum.
- Interns can also work with their host university or college internship coordinator to explore gaining academic credit while serving as a Project YES intern.
- Applicants must be degree-seeking students interested in entering helping career fields.
- Program, applicants must meet the following requirements:
  - Be a citizen of the United States
  - Be an actively enrolled, degree-seeking seeking student
  - Be interested in Cooperative Extension, community-based service, and/or other "helping" careers
  - Commit to:
    - A 1-year (12-month) cohort obligation
    - Serving a minimum of one weekend per month supporting Project YES events
    - Completing a career-enhancing project
- Applications require a current resume' and cover letter, an essay, and two recommendation forms.
- For more information, please visit Project YES at www.projectyouthextension.com



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