

What Is VIP?

The Volunteer Internship Program is a core program of Youth Equipped to Achieve! (YEA!). VIP guides and mentors students through practical internship experiences within the non-governmental organization arena. VIP transforms students into successful societal champions through service.

How Was VIP Developed?

The VIP has been a key to the success of YEA! since 2003 when first established in Tampa, Florida with students of the University of South Florida (USF). A partnership between the university and YEA! allowed students to earn college credits by completing experiential projects for specified volunteer hours with YEA!

Who Is VIP For?

Any past or current student who wants to gain practical experience can serve with VIP. Those who recognize that employers, colleges and universities seek well-rounded candidates who not only achieve academic success, but also demonstrate experience in real-world situations. Those who know the high value placed on their track records of making a meaningful contribution to the community and wider society.

Why Serve With VIP?

VIP is designed as a win: win: win solution for YEA!, Students and Society. VIP ensures that the work carried out by YEA! is supported by the human resources and time investment required for its operations. Students are able to earn credits and gain practice through real-world experience. Society benefits from citizens who are well rounded, innovative and are committed to making positive contributions to their community and society.



Mentorship

By board members and other professionals

Internship

With YEA! programs and partners, like schools.

Networking

With past, current and future VIP.

Training

In positive youth development techniques

Service

Meaningful experiences that impact lives



Where Can You Have Your VIP Experience?

VIP members may be attached or assigned projects, events and experiences with YEA! board members, schools and organisations that implement YEA! programs or with relevant YEA! partners.



Key Components of VIP

1. Complete the VIP Application Form and email to vip@yeaprograms.org
2. Register at www.gov.bb/giveback/login.php if you are a student needing volunteer hours.
3. Grant permission to display your photograph on our records and for marketing purposes.
4. Complete any required training.
5. Complete VIP Experience Journal weekly.
6. Provide a short report of your VIP experience.
7. Be available to future VIP members who have questions about the program.



For further information on VIP, kindly contact:

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