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**MAYOR EMANUEL ANNOUNCES THE ONE SUMMER CHICAGO APPLICATION PERIOD
HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO MAY 28**

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Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the Chicago Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS) today announced that the One Summer Chicago application period has been extended to May 28, 2018. The program will offer an additional 1,000 jobs this season allowing the City to provide internships to 32,000 youth over the summer months. Interested youth should visit www.onesummerchicago.org to apply.

“One Summer Chicago provides more than a job. It’s a first paycheck, a first line on a resume, a first mentor and provides a path for future success,” Mayor Rahm Emanuel said. “This is a unique opportunity to develop skills outside the classroom and I want to remind all families that it’s not too late to apply.”

The 2018 One Summer Chicago program will run July 2 through August 10 and serve youth ages 14-24. Opportunities range from infrastructure jobs and camp counselors; to urban agriculture and outdoor forestry projects; to office work and private sector experience.

New to OSC this year is CHICAGOBILITY, a program model for younger youth ages 14 -15.

CHICAGOBILITY is a foundational track into career exploration, self-discovery and self-awareness, which allows youth to develop their skills for employment. The youth will design and deliver a six-week program, guided by a curriculum, with a focus on the following areas: community contribution, beautification and sustainability and/or safety through youth-driven projects. Youth will participate for 15-20 hours per week for six weeks in activities that strengthen their community, build civic engagement and create safe neighborhoods.

Returning programs include One Summer Chicago Plus and the Summer Youth Employment Program.

One Summer Chicago Plus is a specialized violence prevention summer workforce program for high-need youth, ages 16 - 21, who reside in the highest risk communities. Recruited worksites will provide youth with a safe, well-defined experience that allows them to gain valuable work readiness skills.

Last summer, the University of Chicago Urban Labs study found by providing a summer job, through the One Summer Chicago Plus program reduced the number of violent-crime arrests for participants by 33 percent over the subsequent year.

Under the Mayor's leadership, the city has steadily increased its investment every year in mentoring and other youth programs to address some of the most urgent needs facing the city: keeping youth safe, improving school outcomes and reducing crime. In the past seven years alone, One Summer Chicago has more than doubled to meet the overwhelming demand for these programs, serving more than 160,000 youth to date with valuable job training and work experiences.

For more information, or to apply for One Summer Chicago, visit www.onesummerchicago.org.

About One Summer Chicago:

One Summer Chicago is a partnership with the following agencies/organizations to hire and place youth in meaningful summer work experiences.

Department of Family and Support Services, Chicago Transit Authority, Chicago Housing Authority, Chicago Public Schools, Chicago City Colleges, Chicago Public Libraries, Cook County Workforce Partnership, Forest Preserve, Mayor's Office of People With Disabilities, Chicago Park District, Chicago Department of Transportation, Department of Streets and Sanitation, After School Matters, Lincoln Park Zoo

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