



P.O. Box 3581, Trenton NJ 08629

April 30, 2026

Youth Inclusion Initiative (YII) – Summer 2026 | Now Accepting Applications

Greetings,

Looking for something different this summer?

The Neighborhood Improvement Association (NIA) is excited to offer the **Youth Inclusion Initiative (YII)**—a paid, six-week summer experience for Trenton youth ages 16–18.

July 7 through mid-August 2026, you'll explore real-world environmental careers while building skills that prepare you for your future.

This is not your typical summer program.

You'll have opportunities to:

- Kayak weather permitting, and explore local waterways
- Go **clamming** and participate in hands-on water experiences
- Work alongside fire teams, police units, and K-9 dogs
- Experience environmental equipment and helicopter support up close
- Participate in trips, tours, and outdoor learning

Along the way, you'll also build your resume, practice interview skills, meet professionals, and work as a team on meaningful community projects.

Program Details:

- 6 weeks | 40 hours per week
- \$15.50 per hour stipend
- Location: FTGOG
471 Parkway Avenue
Trenton, NJ 08628

How to Apply:

Visit www.niaofnj.org and review YII program highlights from 2023–2025.

Then submit:

- Your most recent **unofficial transcript** (available quickly through your school's guidance office)
- **One recommendation letter**

- After reviewing the program, tell us what excites you most and what you hope to gain from this experience, in a short-written response (300 – 500) words.

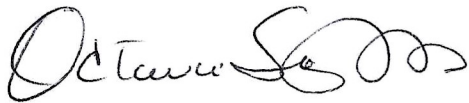
Applicants should be maintaining a **C average (mid-70s)** and demonstrating effort toward growth.

Deadline to Apply: Friday, May 29, 2026

Spots are limited.

Step into something new, build confidence, and learn while you earn.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Octavia Sutphin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Octavia" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Sutphin".

Mrs. Octavia Sutphin

Executive Director

Neighborhood Improvement Association