



Urban Forestry Youth Training Program

June 8 – July 31, 2026

This 8-week, 25-hour-per-week hands-on training program teaches students in grades 10-12 fundamental urban forestry skills, including tree planting, pruning, watering, and mulching. Held at Forest Cemetery and various field sites, this program offers training from industry professionals, emphasizing tool use, safety, and entry-level urban forestry knowledge.

Students must reside in designated census tracts, and alumni meeting job requirements will receive priority for seasonal forestry positions (\$15-18/hr) after high school. The curriculum is led by Woodlawn Cemetery (a certified Level II arboretum) and green industry experts.

Submit an interest form to your teacher before **March 13th, 2026**.
Apply at toledo.oh.gov/retree-ytp



Training Program Outcomes

- **Hands-on Learning:** Practical activities like tree planting, pruning, mulching, and site assessment to develop real-world skills.
- **Tree Identification:** Learning to recognize common tree species found in urban areas.
- **Urban Forestry Principles:** Understanding the unique challenges of managing trees in cities, including soil conditions, utilities, and limited space.
- **Safety Training:** Proper use of tools and equipment, including safety gear and protocols.
- **Career Development:** Exposure to potential career paths in urban forestry, arboriculture, and environmental conservation. Acquiring skills that could lead to future employment in the green industry.
- **Environmental Awareness:** Gaining a deeper understanding of the ecological benefits of trees in urban settings.
- **Civic Responsibility:** Contributing to the improvement of their local community through tree care practices.
- **Leadership Development:** Gain confidence and employability skills that lead to success in school and the workforce including public speaking, listening, and problem solving.

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