

PROGRAM SCHEDULE		All Programs
Start Date		Monday, February 23, 2026
Non-Program Days		Tuesday, March 17: CPS Non-Attendance Date Wednesday, March 18: Parent-Teacher Conference (Report Card Pickup) Monday, March 23 – Saturday, March 28: Spring Break Friday, April 3: CPS Non-Attendance Date
End Date		Saturday, May 9, 2026

Period	Period Dates	Stipend Date
P1	February 23 – March 14	Friday, March 20
P2	March 15 – April 11	Friday, April 17
P3	April 12 – May 9	Friday, May 15
Final Corrections	February 23 – May 9	Friday, June 5

PROGRAM MODELS STIPEND AND ALLOWED ABSENCES INFORMATION

Program Model	Period 1 Stipend	Period 2 Stipend	Period 3 Stipend	Total Stipend	Absences Allowed Remote Program	Absences Allowed In-Person Program
Pre-apprenticeship	\$83	\$83	\$84	\$250	2	2
Apprenticeship	\$133	\$133	\$134	\$400	3	4
Advanced Apprenticeship	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$450	3	4
Immersion	-	\$50	\$50	\$100	1	1
Teens with Disabilities	-	-	\$100	\$100	1	1
5 Week Single Day	\$100 (Paid after program ends) P1: program ends by 3/14 P2: program ends by 4/11 P3: program ends by 5/9			\$100	1	1

- Contact your instructor if you'll be late—unexcused tardiness may be counted as an absence.

ASSISTANT SPECIAL INITIATIVE PROGRAM MODELS STIPEND AND ALLOWED ABSENCES INFORMATION

Program Model / Initiative	Period 1 Stipend	Period 2 Stipend	Period 3 Stipend	Total Stipend	Absences Allowed Remote Program	Absences Allowed In-Person Program
Pre-apprenticeship Assistant*	\$166	\$167	\$167	\$500	2	2
Apprenticeship Assistant*	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$750	3	4
Advanced Apprenticeship Assistant*	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$750	3	4
Outreach Assistantship*	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$750	3	4
Immersion Assistant*	-	\$125	\$125	\$250	1	1
5 Week Single Day Assistant*	\$250 (Paid after program ends) P1: program ends by 3/14 P2: program ends by 4/11 P3: program ends by 5/9			\$250	1	1

* Requires all participants to be at least 16 years old.

WHAT IF I DIDN'T GET PAID?

If you did not get paid on payday because of missing teen checklist items, please check your dashboard at afterschoolmatters.org/teens/apply.

NEED STIPEND HELP?

Call 312-768-5199 or scan the QR code to submit your question.



Remote Programs

After School Matters Netiquette

- I will practice internet safety (use trusted sources for research and keep my password and log-in information secure).
- I will report threatening or offensive materials to my instructor.
- I will be kind in my interactions with others online and create a positive digital footprint.
- I understand that it is inappropriate AND against the law for me to violate copyright laws; plagiarize; send, access, upload, download, or distribute explicit material.
- I understand that all my internet activity leaves a digital trail. I should NOT assume that all material or data on my device is private or confidential.
- I understand that inappropriate use, including cyberbullying and use of inappropriate materials may lead to dismissal from the program.
- I will use my voice and power to create a safe space.

ASM Teen Participation Expectations

- I will be ready to start on DAY ONE with this program checklist:
 - Activate my ASM Google Account
 - Join my ASM Google Classroom
 - Verify my supply delivery with my instructor
 - Sign my TEEN Program Consent and Acknowledgement Release
- I will use my ASM Gmail Account.
- I will participate in scheduled group sessions.
- I will complete and submit independent projects to Google Classroom.

STEPS TO GETTING PAID!



I entered a verified SSN/ITIN and a valid city of Chicago address in my application.



My parent/guardian and I signed the PACR (Program Acknowledgement, Consent, and Release) electronically or emailed a copy to my instructor.



I completed all my checklist items (see missing items on Dashboard)



I started attending my program by March 14, 2026.



I didn't exceed the maximum number absences allowed within my program model.

*Refer to page 1 and 2 for the table that states the maximum allowed absences per program model.

HAVE A CONCERN OR COMPLAINT?

After School Matters has procedures for teens to resolve any complaints concerning the program. These complaints could relate to program and instructor quality, inappropriate behavior, unfair treatment, discrimination, fraud, requests for you to pay a participation fee, abuse, or harassment, among other complaints.

If you are not comfortable bringing your complaint to your instructor, liaison, or site supervisor, or feel they have not adequately resolved your complaint, please contact the Director of Program Quality and Compliance, Jocelyn Moralde, at jocelyn.moralde@afterschoolmatters.org. After School Matters takes all complaints seriously and will work with you to address them in a timely manner.



- After School Matters will provide you a Wisely ADP card for FREE and will load your stipend on this card OR you can apply for direct deposit. The deadline for direct deposit is **02/13/2026**.
- To be eligible for a stipend by the end of each period, teens must participate in a program through the end of a period and must attend a program before "Must Begin by" date. If a teen drops a program before the end of the period, then they forfeit their stipend for the period. For example, a stipend covering 6/20-7/8, if you dropped on 7/8, you will not be eligible for that period's stipend.

WHAT'S EXPECTED OF ME IN MY PROGRAM?

1. **WORK ETHIC:** be prepared, meet deadlines, and understand responsibilities.
2. **RESPECT:** be supportive of others, take care of equipment, and develop good relationships.
3. **SAFETY:** follow rules, cooperate to maintain internet safety.
4. **BE AN AMBASSADOR:** be positive. Represent professionalism and excellence in all environments, remote or otherwise.

For the full version of the Spring 2026 Teen Manual, please go to <https://afterschoolmatters.org/resources/>.

To ensure that we can maximize the number of teens we serve, teens can only participate in one program per session.

ASM Values: After School Matters values all teens and does not tolerate discriminatory behavior. Hate has no home here.

CONTACT US

For any questions, comments, or concerns, please submit a request through the After School Matters "[Help Center](#)," and someone from our support staff will contact you!