

Youth & Student Research Assistant – Oral History Project

Project: Latinx & Chicano Historic Context Study – Boulder County

Number of Positions: Up to six (6) students

Stipend: \$500 (flat stipend, September–December 2025)

Commitment: Approx. 20–25 hours over the project period (flexible scheduling)

About the Project

Rooted Pathways Leadership, LLC is partnering with Boulder County Parks & Open Space to document the history and lived experiences of Latinx and Chicano communities. This project will gather oral histories, explore archives, and culminate in the creation of a Historic Context Report to preserve community stories and sites for future generations. This is an example of public history in action; bringing history beyond the classroom and into the community.

This project is grounded in anti-racist public history practices, recognizing how Latinx and Chicano histories have been marginalized and working to center community voices in how history is documented and remembered.

Role Description

We are seeking **youth and college students** interested in history, culture, and community storytelling to join our team as **Research Assistants**. In this role, you will:

- Participate in a **training workshop** on oral history and trauma-informed interviewing.
- Help conduct **oral history interviews** with community members.
- Assist with **focus groups** and note-taking.
- Support the **review of historical documents** (newspapers, photos, directories).
- If interested, help with **basic transcription** or review of interviews.

Skills You'll Gain

- Experience applying anti-racist frameworks in historical research and community storytelling
- Oral history and interviewing techniques
- Community-based research methods
- Teamwork and facilitation skills
- Documentation and transcription skills
- Ethical and trauma-informed research practices
- Experience working with primary and secondary sources
- A role in preserving Latinx/Chicano history in Boulder County

Who Should Apply

This opportunity is open to **youth (ages 16+) and college students, with preference to those with direct connections to Boulder County**, are curious about history, enjoy listening to stories, and want to contribute to preserving their community's heritage. We especially encourage students committed to equity, inclusion, and anti-racist approaches in the study of history to apply.

Participants will be involved throughout the duration of the project (September–December 2025), with flexible scheduling to meet your availability with options for work that is virtual and in-person.

Spanish/English bilingual skills are a plus but **not required**.

Boulder County is able to provide transportation support if necessary - not having a car should not deter you from applying.

How to Apply

To apply, please send us:

1. **Your resume** (work, school, or volunteer experience are all welcome — it doesn't need to be long).
2. **A short cover letter (1 page or less)** answering these two questions:
 - a. Why are you interested in this project?
 - b. What skills, experiences, or perspectives would you bring to the team?

3. Applications can be emailed to Elisabeth Rios-Brooks at erios-brooks@bouldercounty.gov **and** Becky Chavez at becky@rootedpathwaysleadership.com with the subject line: *Research Assistant Application – Oral History Project*.

Applications are due by September 18th at 11:59 pm.