

# PATCH Teen Educator La Crosse, WI

PAID (\$\$\$) Position for High School Students



## WHAT IS PATCH?

PATCH stands for Providers and Teens Communicating for Health. At PATCH we believe that health care practices, programs, and policies should be developed with young people rather than just for them. That's why we work directly with young people like you to improve health care quality for teens and improve the overall health and well-being of your generation! We want to make sure teen voices are included in decisions that affect them.

## TEEN EDUCATOR POSITION DESCRIPTION

We believe that for YOU (and other teens) to be your best self, you should be able to have open and honest conversations with a trusted health care professional. For many, this isn't the case. That's why PATCH exists! We want to make sure that ALL youth are able to get the health care they need and deserve, and we think YOU can be part of a team to help make that happen.

In this program, we ask YOU to be the expert and share what you know about being a teen, like:

- What are the biggest concerns you and your peers have about health and health care?
- What are things that make you comfortable or uncomfortable accessing health and health care services?
- How much do you and your peers know about your health care rights as a teen?
- What information and resources do you and your peers need?
- And so much more!

For more information about the program, please visit [www.wipatch.org](http://www.wipatch.org).

## PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS

As a Teen Educator, you will work with other teens to make change in your community. You will be asked to:

- Commit to a 9-month program from August 2024-May 2025
- Attend and fully participate in a five-day Teen Educator Training. The 20-hour training (4 hours each day) is scheduled for **August 14<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup> in La Crosse, WI.**
- Attend and participate in two 2-hour Enrichment Meetings each month (usually every other **Wednesday from 6pm-8pm**).
- Lead workshops for health care professionals and other teens (at various dates and times).
- Provide teen voice and act as a teen representative at community events and conferences.
- Be a reliable source of information for other youth.
- Advocate for change in your community and health care systems.

Most Teen Educators work between 4-10 hours each month. The amount of time spent on PATCH each week will depend upon what events you sign up for.

**VISIT [WWW.WIPATCH.ORG](http://WWW.WIPATCH.ORG) TO APPLY ONLINE TODAY!**

Applications must be completed by **June 9<sup>th</sup>**.

If you have any questions, please contact Delanie Johnson, PATCH La Crosse Site Coordinator at (608) 291-9784 or [lacrosse@wipatch.org](mailto:lacrosse@wipatch.org)

## QUALIFICATIONS / REQUIREMENTS

You are encouraged to apply if you:

- Will be between 14-18 years old by August 2024
- Are in high school (or high school equivalent) during the 2024/2025 school year.
- Live in La Crosse County or surrounding areas.
- Enjoy being part of a team and can work well with others who are different from you.
- Demonstrate responsibility and reliability. This includes:
  - Practicing good communication via e-mail and in-person
  - Showing up to all meetings and events on time
- Are willing to learn and be open-minded.
- Are passionate about making sure ALL youth are able to get the health care they need and deserve!

## WHAT WILL I GAIN FROM PATCH?

You will gain valuable leadership and advocacy experience, become more familiar with important health topics that impact teens, develop communication and presentation skills, and so much more! Being a PATCH Teen Educator is an impressive accomplishment to include on college applications and job resumes.

You will also be paid for your time. You will receive **\$125** upon full completion of the 20-hour Teen Educator Training and **\$12/hour** for attending enrichment meetings and leading workshops. The total amount you will receive each month will vary based on the number of events you attend and the hours you work (likely between \$24-\$120/month).

## HOW TO APPLY

Visit [www.wipatch.org](http://www.wipatch.org) to complete the application by June 9<sup>th</sup>. Application questions can be answered in written format or via video or audio responses. See the application online for more details.

## Important Dates

Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>

July 15<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup>

August 14<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>

Applications Due

In-Person Interviews

Teen Educator Training Dates (All Required)

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