

PATCH Teen Educator Wausau, WI

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



WHAT IS PATCH?

PATCH stands for Providers and Teens Communicating for Health. In order for you to be your healthiest, we believe that YOU (and other teens) should be able to have open and honest conversations with trusted health care professionals (like doctors, nurses, and pharmacists). Many teens don't have that support from their health care providers. But, THAT IS WHY PATCH EXISTS!! We want to make sure that ALL youth are able to get the health care they need and deserve.

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

- What are you or your peer's concerns about healthcare?
- What are things that make you like or dislike a healthcare professional?
- How much do you or your friends know about your health care rights?

For more information about the program, please visit www.patchprogram.org and www.wipatch.org.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

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

- Attend and participate in a five-day Teen Educator Training. The 20-hour training (4 hours each day) is scheduled for August (**August 3rd, 8th, and 10th from 4-8pm and August 6th and 13th from 8am-12pm**)
- Attend and participate in two enrichment meetings each month September 2022 through May 2023 (**Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30**; full schedule will be provided at training)
- Lead two different types of PATCH workshops - one for health care professionals like doctors, nurses, counselors, and many others, and one for other teens!
- Use your voice and act as a teen representative at some community events and conferences.
- Be a reliable source of information for other teens.
- Advocate for change in your community and health care systems.

QUALIFICATIONS / REQUIREMENTS

You are encouraged to apply if you:

- Will be in high school (or of high school age) during the 2022-2023 school year
- Live in or near Wausau; all training and enrichment meetings will take place in Wausau, WI
- Enjoy being part of a team and can work well with others who are different from you
- Demonstrate responsibility and reliability. This includes:
 - Keeping up good communication via e-mail and in person
 - Showing up to all meetings and events on time
 - Demonstrating dedication to the mission and vision of PATCH
- 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 \$100 upon full completion of the 20-hour Teen Educator Training and \$12/hour for attending enrichment meetings and leading workshops. This amount varies each month (likely between \$24-\$120/month) based on the number of events you attend and hours you work.

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

Applications must be completed by June 12th to be considered for a position.

PATCH is dedicated to recruiting a team that reflects our community's diversity in every form. All youth from Wausau and the surrounding area are encouraged to apply. Interviews will be held during the first 2 weeks of July.

If you have any questions, please contact Paula Neiweem, PATCH Wausau Site Coordinator at (715) 227-2640 or wausau@wipatch.org.