

PATCH Youth Advocacy Fellowship POSITIONS AVAILABLE!



What is the Advocacy Fellowship?

At Providers and Teens Communicating for Health (PATCH), we believe that health care practices, programs, and policies should be developed with young people rather than just for them. In our Advocacy Fellowships, youth and young adults from across Wisconsin learn the skills needed to make an impact and create change for their generation.

We are currently seeking **Wisconsin Youth and Young Adults, ages 12-21**, to join the 2022/2023 PATCH Advocacy Fellowship teams. Applicants can choose to apply for the General Health and Wellness Fellowship, the Sexual and Reproductive Health Fellowship, or the Social Emotional Health Fellowship.

Each Fellowship is a **9-month commitment** (August 2022– May 2023). All hired youth must attend an **in-person training** (all expenses paid) at the start of the program year (**August 26-28 in Madison, WI**). Following training, youth will meet **virtually, twice a month via Zoom** video conferencing in the evenings (day of the week and time will be different for each Fellowship). Youth will also be required to participate in at least five paid consulting opportunities per program year. Throughout the Fellowship, youth will also complete the PATCH Youth Advocacy Learning Series (approximately 2 hours on your own time each month) and be offered other optional opportunities and events.

Qualifications/Requirements

- You must live in Wisconsin.
- You must be 12 - 21 years old at the time of application.
- You must be passionate, responsible, and reliable.
- You must responsibly and reliably communicate via email and other online spaces.
- You must be able to attend the full in-person training and all evening meetings via Zoom video conferencing.
- You must be able to work independently.
- You must be enthusiastic about sharing your story and expertise as a youth to influence programs, policy, and practices at the state, local, and community levels.

What will I gain?

As a PATCH Youth Advocate, you will gain valuable leadership experience, improved communication and presentation skills, access to interesting and up-to-date health information, professional mentorship, an opportunity to use your voice to create statewide change, and statewide connections to expand your network. The Fellowship is also an impressive accomplishment to include on college applications and job resumes.

You will receive \$100 for completing the training at the start of the program and \$12/hour for each enrichment meeting, consulting opportunity, time spent completing the Advocacy Learning Series, and any additional events you attend throughout the summer (amount will vary each month).

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, June 12 th	Applications Due
July 6 th -15 th	Virtual Interviews
August 26 th -28 th	Required Training (In-Person in Madison, WI)

How to Apply

Applications are due by **Sunday, June 12th**. PATCH Staff will contact applicants to arrange interviews after the application deadline. Learn more and apply at www.wipatch.org.

If you have questions, feel free to contact us at fellowship@patchprogram.org