

PATCH Teen Educator La Crosse, WI

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



WHAT IS PATCH?

PATCH stands for Providers and Teens Communicating for Health. 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.

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

- What are you and your peers concerned about when it comes to health and health care?
- What are things that make you like or dislike a health care professional?
- How much do you and your friends know about your health care rights?
- And so much more!

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 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 11th, 13th, 14th, 20th, & 21st in La Crosse, WI.**
- Attend and participate in two 2-hour enrichment meetings each month (usually every other **Wednesday, from 6-8**).
- Lead *PATCH for Providers* and *PATCH for Teens: Peer-to-Peer Workshops* (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 teens.
- 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.

QUALIFICATIONS / REQUIREMENTS

You are encouraged to apply if you:

- Will be in high school during the 2022/2023 school year
- Live in Western Wisconsin (La Crosse Co. and nearby communities)
- 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. The total amount you will receive each month will vary based on the number of events you attend and hours you work (likely between \$20-\$100/month).

VISIT WWW.WIPATCH.ORG TO APPLY ONLINE TODAY!

Applications must be completed by **June 12th**.

If you have any questions, please contact Angela Gelatt, PATCH La Crosse County Site Coordinator at (608) 291-9784 or lacrosse@wipatch.org.