



Wisconsin PATCH Youth Application

(For Teen Educators AND Youth Advocates)

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.

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

- What are you and your peer's concerns about health & health care?
- What are things that make you comfortable or uncomfortable accessing health care services?
- How much do you or your peers know about your health care rights as a teen?
- Where do you and your peers find health information?
- What information and resources do you and your peers need?
- And so much more!

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

Youth applying for the Wisconsin Youth Advocacy Fellowship or a Teen Educator position in Green Bay, La Crosse, Madison, Milwaukee, or Wausau should use this form.

Before completing your application, please:

- Review the job description and required event dates for your region/position at www.wipatch.org/workwithus.
- Read the questions below to prepare your answers.

Applications can be submitted at tinyurl.com/PATCHWIApp.

CONTACT & BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Name:

Preferred Name (if different):

Gender Identity and Pronouns:

Date of Birth:

E-mail Address:

Mailing Address:

What is the best number to reach you at? (____) ____ - _____

This number is: my home phone my parent or guardian's cell phone
 my cell phone Other

Can we text this number with reminders about your application? Yes No

Is there another number we can reach you at? (____) ____ - _____

This number is: my home phone my parent or guardian's cell phone
 my cell phone Other

Can we text this number with reminders about your application? Yes No

What grade will you be in next school year?

What school will you attend?

What is your T-shirt Size?

How did you hear about PATCH?

POSITION DESCRIPTION & SELECTION

Wisconsin PATCH hires Teen Educators AND Youth Advocates.

- **Teen Educators** are usually high school aged (14-18 years-old) and meet regularly in person in one of the cities listed below. To be a Teen Educator you need to live in or near one of those cities. Teen Educators are hired to lead two different workshops, one for other teens and one for health care providers.
- **Youth Advocates** are between 13-19 years old and attend an in-person training, to start the year, then meet weekly via zoom. Youth Advocates are hired to share teen voice through consulting sessions. They also complete in a monthly learning series to gain advocacy skills.

Which position are you applying for? (You can select all that apply but will only be interviewed for one position.)

- PATCH Green Bay Teen Educator
- PATCH La Crosse Teen Educator
- PATCH Madison Teen Educator
- PATCH Milwaukee Teen Educator
- PATCH Wausau Teen Educator
- Youth Advocacy Fellowship
- I don't know.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Please answer the questions below in your application. You can submit your responses in written form or by video/audio. All applications must be submitted at tinyurl.com/PATCHWIApp.

- To submit in written form, answer each question in 100 words or less.
- To submit by audio or video, create and upload a 2-3 minute recording of yourself answering all 9 questions.

Responses do not have to be perfect. We just want to get to know you a little bit!!

1. Why are you interested in being part of PATCH?
2. What identities are important to you? How would you describe yourself to a stranger?
3. What are the two most important health-related issues that young people face in your community? What do you think should be done to address these issues?
4. What do you think adults and health care providers (like doctors and nurses) should know when talking with you or your peers about challenging health topics (like mental health, sexual health, drug or alcohol use)?
5. What skills, knowledge, experiences, or passions do you have that you think will make you a successful with PATCH?
6. What does advocacy mean to you? How would you use this position to advocate for others?
7. What unique perspectives do you think you would bring to this team based on your identities and life experiences?
8. How do you think being part of this program would help you with your future goals? What do you want to learn from PATCH?
9. Is there anything else you want us to know about you?

SIGNATURE & CONFIRMATION OF APPLICATION

Please review all the expectations below and check the box for each of them before submitting your application.

I understand that as a PATCH Teen Educator or Youth Advocate I must:

- Commit to this position for the whole program year.
- Attend all of the mandatory the in-person training during dates shared in the job description.
- For Youth Advocates Only: Participate in weekly virtual meetings between September and May.
- For Teen Educators Only: Participate in evening in-person meetings two times each month.
- For Teen Educators Only: Find transportation to and from all workshops and meetings (some travel assistance may be available).
- Be in regular contact with program staff via email or other modes of communication
- Represent myself and the organization responsibly.
- Be respectful of my fellow team members, supervisor, and other individuals involved in the program.
- Be open-minded and excited about working with people who may be different from myself.

I understand that:

- If I am under the age of 18, my parent/guardian's permission will be required if I am hired.
- By checking this box, I am promising that all the information in this application is true.

Electronic signature:

Thanks for submitting your application!