



American Indian Youth Enrichment Volunteer Description – 2018-2019

Title of Position: Youth Enrichment Volunteer

Purpose: To provide tutoring and mentoring for American Indian elementary students to create an Indigenous-focused experience in an afterschool program setting, under the direction of knowledgeable teachers and program staff.

Requirements of Position: Must have good listening skills, patience, a sense of humor, commitment, respect for a child's right to self-determination and independence; must have familiarity with, interest in, and respect for the diversity and complexity of Indigenous cultures and communities. (If in high school, must be in the 10th – 12th grade.)

Training provided: Initial orientation for AIYE and periodic staff updates and trainings. For those volunteers who wish to learn more about Indigenous culture outside of what is taught during AIYE, resources can be provided.

Location: Youth Enrichment volunteers will assist during afterschool programming at the American Indian Magnet School, located at 1075 3rd Street East, Saint Paul 55106. The program will take two field trips in the fall semester and two field trips in the spring to fun and educational locations in the St. Paul area.

Time Commitment: 1 program day a week (Monday OR Wednesday) from 4-6 PM, which is approximately 2 hours each week. Volunteer commitment lasts for one session term, Oct-Jan or Feb-May (or both, if desired).

Duties:

- Meet with AIYE program from 4-6 PM either Monday or Wednesday
- Work cooperatively with teachers and tutors to support classroom lessons
- Interact with and serve as a role model for program participants
- Provide occasional homework assistance for AIYE youth
- Stay in contact with volunteer coordinator regarding any issues with coworkers or students

Benefits: Additional opportunity to meet people from other cultures and receive additional learning about Ojibwe and Dakota languages and communities; opportunity to help AIMS students prepare for middle school; opportunity to develop problem-solving and teaching skills; opportunity to use creativity in meeting the needs of students; opportunity to learn more about literacy initiatives and free trainings for educators and tutors; opportunity to work in an afterschool program setting with a professional teacher.

Supervisor: AIYE Volunteer Coordinator and the AIYE Program Coordinator

Transportation: Volunteers are responsible for their transportation to and from AIYE program days. Note that AIYE can offer free passes for public transportation to and/or from AIMS. On field trip days, volunteers are still responsible for getting to and from AIMS, but AIYE provides transportation to and from the field trip site.