

YouthLink Volunteer Opportunity: **GED TUTOR**

Help young people reach their educational goals.



About YouthLink

YouthLink is a recognized leader in the Twin Cities and beyond for our work to build pathways of opportunity for homeless youth ages 16 – 23. Our youth-focused team provides innovative, evidence-based services that guide youth on a holistic level toward futures of education, employment, health and wellness, and housing stability. Since 2011, YouthLink has been home to the Youth Opportunity Center (YOC), a first-of-its-kind collaborative center where over 30 community partners make vital resources available onsite to provide efficient and effective interventions and strategies for youth in crisis.

Our Mission

Build healthy relationships with youth and the community to address youths' urgent needs so that doors of opportunity are opened to futures of empowerment, connectedness, and self-reliance.

VOLUNTEER POSITION SUMMARY

The GED Tutor is a source of knowledge, encouragement, and motivation for young adults seeking to achieve their educational goals through YouthLink's newly expanded GED program. With the guidance of the Education Navigator, tutors work one-on-one with students to develop individual education plans and build their skills in mathematical reasoning, science, language arts, and social studies as they work toward successfully earning their GEDs. Tutors may also have an opportunity to work in a small classroom setting.

Key responsibilities include:

- Developing trusting, healthy relationships with students that involve discussion of long-term aspirations, vocational strengths, interests, and barriers to achieving individual goals;
- Creating a welcoming and judgment-free environment for YouthLink clients in the GED school;
- Reviewing and understanding key GED subject areas (mathematical reasoning, language arts, science, and social studies) and effectively guiding students in comprehension of these subject areas in a one-on-one learning environment;
- Creating individualized education plans for youth and providing ongoing feedback, follow-up, and support as youth strive to fulfill these plans;
- Collaborating with YouthLink case managers on students' educational plans and goals;
- Filling out paperwork for new students and documenting student progress.

QUALIFICATIONS

A Bachelor's degree is required. Experience teaching, tutoring, and/or working with youth or homeless populations is preferred. Qualified volunteers must:

- Be energetic and personable;
- Be accepting of a variety of lifestyles, behaviors, and cultural and spiritual practices;
- Be able to demonstrate effective teaching that addresses a variety of learning styles;

- Be motivational and encouraging;
- Be mission-driven and able to incorporate agency philosophy in work with youth;

Knowledge of and/or experience with GED or other educational systems is preferred.

Time Commitment: Must be available at least one night per week on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday between 5 and 7pm.

HOW TO APPLY

E-mail your resume with the subject line “GED Tutor” to Sarah Crompton at crompton@youthlinkmn.org. Please explain your interest in becoming a GED Tutor and include your availability in the body of the e-mail.