Youth Educational Services

Y.E.S Internship Position Description: Program Director

Position Summary

The director position is an unpaid internship. Program directors ensure their program is running smoothly and efficiently with the mentorship and support of Y.E.S. staff.

Responsibilities:

- Actively recruit volunteers for Y.E.S. by: tabling a minimum of four hours, providing a minimum of two classroom presentations and creating a program recruitment flier.
- Screen potential volunteers. Including all application paperwork, interview, reference checks and fingerprinting.
- Plan and facilitate weekly volunteer meetings, which include 8 core workshops: Introduction to Y.E.S., Nonviolence, Inequities in Society, Communicating with the People you Serve, Risk Management & Safety, Reflection, Collaborating with the Community, and Program Closure and Continuity.
- Update program syllabus every semester with a timeline and changes from the previous semester.
- Develop a program proposal for the academic year during the fall semester. This includes: program's specific mission, goals, objectives, safety guidelines and outlines the program's plans for budget, recruitment, training, fundraising, service, and evaluation.
- Submit a grant report reflecting on goals and objectives at the end of spring semester.
- Create, monitor, and support volunteer placements.
- Maintain strong links to the community and participants served. Provide effective communication and adequate closure for participants, community contacts, as well as volunteers.
- Regularly assess volunteer and community partner needs.
- Reflect and adjust program throughout the semester based on feedback from volunteers, participants, community partners, and program consultants.
- Consult at least once a month with assigned program consultant. Discuss serious issues immediately as they arise as well as other challenges and ideas you have.
- Encourage volunteers to actively participate in Fall Festival and Serve-a-Thon, our annual spring fundraiser.
- Discuss program budget every semester with the Office Manager. Supervise the use of budget and organize fundraising a minimum of 40% of your Associated Students allocation.
- Maintain program records, including ongoing data for end of semester statistics and an organized program drive and manual.
- Secure ongoing leadership for your program by selecting and beginning to train potential directors to assure smooth transitions.

Training

- 1. Attend and actively participate in the three day Director Training Retreat scheduled on the Wed. Fri. before the first day of classes each semester.
- 2. Attend and actively participate in the Monday Night Class (MNCs) from 4:45-6:50pm weekly.

Desired Skills and Skill Development

Demonstrated experience in or willing to learn:

- Volunteer experience with Y.E.S., ideally with the program you're applying for.
- Knowledge of service learning and reflection.
- Knowledge of population served by your program.
- The ability to plan, organize, and facilitate effectively.
- The ability to communicate effectively with different group sizes and populations.
- The ability to obtain feedback and adjust to constructive feedback received.

Commitments

- 1. Directing is a two semester commitment.
- 2. Directors should plan to be involved with their program approximately 10-15 hours per week. 2 hours for MNC, 4 office hours, 1 hour for weekly meeting, 1-4 hours a week of service, plus 2-7 hours for any additional work, i.e. screening.
- 3. Minimum 2.3 GPA.

Application Procedure

- 1. Complete application.
- 2. Attach a copy of your schedule, showing when you would be available for an interview.
- 3. Turn in application and schedule to the program consultant or staff mailbox.
- 4. Y.E.S. staff will confirm and schedule an interview.