

Summer Youth Volunteer Program

Hunter Holmes McGuire Veterans Affairs Medical Center encourages 14-17 year old high school students to volunteer this summer. The summer program will allow students to fulfill meaningful volunteer work in July. There are many exciting opportunities for students here at McGuire!

Student volunteers are an important part of our medical center's treatment team. They will receive valuable experience and training which will benefit them in applying for college and future jobs. The James H. Parke Memorial Youth Scholarship Award provides scholarship opportunities to students who volunteer at VA medical centers (our local VA health care Voluntary Service staff has current nomination criteria). Many of our Veteran Service Organizations also have scholarships available.

Student volunteers are liaisons with their communities and provide a valuable element of caring for Veterans. The VA Voluntary Service program offers students excellent opportunities for:

- Exploring health care career options
- Gaining experience in a health care environment
- Learning new skills
- Making new friends
- Qualifying to be nominated for scholarships



A wide variety of assignments are available, including opportunities in:

- Engineering
- Nursing
- Medical Media
- Art and Music
- Community Living Center
- Prosthetics
- Education
- Recreation Therapy
- Emergency Room
- Health Administration

...And many more!!

Volunteers are selected according to the needs of the medical center, assignment preference and skills. Training is provided by Voluntary Services at the medical center, and the supervisor of the department to which volunteers are assigned. Orientation will be conducted to acquaint volunteers with all services that are available.

University and College Students

McGuire Veterans Affairs Medical Center offers many opportunities for local college students wanting to volunteer. College graduate programs and employers often give preference to applicants who have previous experience with community services. McGuire VA can provide all students with an exciting opportunity to serve Veterans who have served us.

We encourage individual college students, as well as university and college groups and organizations to volunteer. Perhaps you can help organize a special event or project for our Veterans! How about organizing a football party for our Community Living Center on a Saturday or Sunday? How about an ice-cream party? You decide!



College volunteers are needed in departments such as nursing, health administration, mental health, the emergency room, pharmacy, recreation therapy, etc. Below are a few special projects and services that need young adult volunteers. We also welcome your suggestions for volunteer opportunities and placement!

Education/Medical Media

Volunteers are needed to help the medical center's Medical Media Department. Responsibilities include helping staff design displays for the medical center and for the Veterans; provide technical support to photography and video staff; aid staff in designing any media material.

Customer Service

There are many opportunities for volunteers! For example, aspiring food and hospitality managers could volunteer as aids to Veterans in the cafeteria. Other opportunities include tour guides, shuttle drivers, and helping deliver water pitchers, magazines, etc. to inpatients.

Greeters

Volunteers will greet patients and visitors and escort them to their destinations within the medical center. They answer questions and provide information about the facility and the surrounding community. We also need volunteers to escort patients to and from appointments.

How do I become a VA Volunteer?

There are two convenient ways:

- 1) Contact our Voluntary Service Office at (804) 675-5135 if you are interested.
- 2) Visit [Volunteer or Donate](#). On this website, you may complete and submit an application form. Someone from the local VA Voluntary Service Office will contact you with further information.