Job Description for
PATCH Northwoods Teen Educators

PAID ($$$) Position for High School Students in Vilas and Oneida Counties

WHAT IS PATCH?

PATCH stands for Providers and Teens Communicating for Health. Our mission is to improve adolescent health alongside and in true partnership with youth, like you! We envision a world in which all young people are healthy, connected and thriving, and we work toward that goal in all our programing.

WHAT IS THE TEEN EDUCATOR PROGRAM?

At PATCH we believe that adolescent health practices, programs and policies should be developed WITH young people rather than just FOR them. We want all youth to get the high-quality, youth-friendly health care and support they need and deserve. And we know that being able to have open, honest, safe and supported conversations with trusted adults and health professionals is a key part of getting that support. We work to create a space for teens and adults to come together and learn from one another. We want to make sure YOUR voice is included in conversations about what teens want and need to be their healthiest selves!

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

- What are the biggest concerns you and your peers have about health and health care?
- What are things that make you comfortable or uncomfortable accessing health information and health care services?
- Where are you and your friends finding health information?
- What information and resources do you and your peers need?

Together, as a team of 8-10 Teen Educators, we will explore a variety of adolescent health topics and learn from expert guest speakers. We will use the gained knowledge to create change for our peers by leading two in-person workshops in our community. In the PATCH for Providers Workshop, you will help health care professionals learn how to better serve their teen patients. In the PATCH for Teens: Peer-to-Peer Workshop, you will empower other teens to start to manage their own health and health care. You will also participate in occasional Consulting Sessions. In these focus-group style meetings you will voice your feedback and ideas on a variety of programs, projects, and policies that impact adolescents in our community. You will be encouraged to share your own stories and experiences to help others understand your perspective.

QUALIFICATIONS

- You must be between 14-18 years old at PATCH Teen Educator Training in December 2026
- You must be in high school (or high school equivalent) during the entire 2026/2027 school year
- You must live in Vilas/Oneida or the surrounding areas
- You must enjoy being part of a team and working with others who are different from you
- You must be open-minded and willing to learn

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- You must be passionate about ensuring ALL youth get the health care they need and deserve!

EXPECTATIONS

- Arrive on time and ready to participate in all meetings and events
- Demonstrate responsible and reliable communication including checking email at least once per day
- Maintain a strong relationship with your PATCH Coordinator including consistent communication
- Act as a PATCH representative at various community events and conferences
- Be a reliable source of information for other teens

REQUIREMENTS

As a Teen Educator, you will be required to:

- Commit to an 8-month program from October 2026-June 2027.
- Attend and fully participate in a five-day Teen Educator Training. Our training (8 hours each day) is scheduled for **October 24th and 25th at Aspirus Hospital in Woodruff, WI**.
- Attend and fully participate in two 2-hour Hybrid Enrichment Meetings each month. Our in-person meetings are scheduled on **Wednesdays from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm at Aspirus Hospital in Woodruff, WI.**
- Lead a minimum of three workshops and participate in at least two consulting sessions (at various dates and times that work with your schedule).

Most Teen Educators work between 4-8 hours each month. The amount of time spent on PATCH each week will depend upon what events you sign up for.

WHAT WILL I GAIN FROM PATCH?

You will gain valuable leadership and advocacy experience, become more familiar with important health topics that impact teens, develop communication and presentation skills, and so much more! Being a PATCH Teen Educator is an impressive accomplishment to include on college applications and job resumes.

You will also be paid for your time. You will receive $125 upon full completion of Teen Educator Training and $15/hour for attending enrichment meetings and leading workshops. The total amount you will receive each month will vary based on the number of events you attend and hours you work (likely between $60-$150/month).

IMPORTANT EVENTS

• Application	**Now Open**
• Interviews	**Through Mid-November**
• Required In-Person Training	**December**

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HOW TO APPLY

Visit Northern Highland – Wisconsin AHEC – UW–Madison to complete the application. Application questions can be answered in written format or via video or audio responses. See the application online for more details.

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