Santa Fe After-School Canine Leadership Crew

NOW HIRING for FALL 2021!

**POSITION DESCRIPTION:**
Up to six youth will be hired for a part-time crew located in Santa Fe. Crewmembers will work up to 5 hours per week in a crew (a group) helping train Assistance Dogs of the West’s (ADW) in-training service dogs. These dogs will go on to become service dogs for people with disabilities, or be working dogs that provide comfort to victims of crime. This is an entry-level position with the Canine Leadership Program and may involve training in public places, like stores, parks, Plaza. Crew Members will be hired as hourly, temporary employees, starting at $12.32 per hour.

All Canine Leadership Program members will receive personal and professional development training such as American Red Cross® First Aid and CPR (for humans), Pet Tech Snout-to-Tail Assessment Certification, Paths to Health health self-management workshop series, self-advocacy skills, public presenting skills, resume writing, and much more.

**SCHEDULE:**
If offered the position, the student and their parent/guardian must attend a mandatory pre-work new-hire paperwork session, to be scheduled in late August/early September.

Orientation Day: **Saturday, September 11, 10:00am to 3:00pm**, in Santa Fe

Work Schedule: **After-school, every Monday and Tuesday 3:30-5:30pm, September 13 to December 18, 2021***:
(transportation from high school to work may be provided for each shift)

1-2 students who have already completed a Canine Leadership Crew may be hired to work with the Espanola Canine Crew, in Espanola, in an Assistant Leadership position. Those students would then work **Saturdays, 10am to 3:00pm, in Espanola (must provide your own transportation)**. ASL interpreters will be used less frequently for this crew than the Santa Fe After School Crew. This position would be ideal for an NMSD student wishing to work in a predominantly hearing environment with predominantly hearing co-workers, to explore and use other communication methods when there is less interpreter availability. Pay for this position starts at $13.50/hour.
Additional work hours on Saturdays, or on early-release Fridays may be added, for certification workshops such as Teen Mental Health First Aid, American Red Cross CPR/First Aid, etc.

*depending on funding, position could extend after Winter Break for Spring Semester, January through May, 2022

**RESPONSIBILITIES/EXPECTATIONS:**
- Ability to work hands-on with young, large dogs (average 70 pounds) with unpredictable behavior, including jumping up on people, barking, running, bumping into, etc.
- Must not be afraid of dogs.
- Maintain safe work environment to ensure both physical and mental health of other crew members and the dogs
- Ability to comply with all ADW and RMYC policies, including COVID-19 specific policies
- Ability to respond to direction from Supervisors
- Exposure to dog saliva, hair (shedding), and dirt/mud
- Exposure to changes in temperature as we work inside and outside, and on uneven terrain
- Ability to be in community settings (i.e. parks, malls, stores) for dog training sessions

**QUALIFICATIONS:** **must meet all 3**
1. **14-21 years old**
2. Have a **barrier to employment**, as defined by this crew’s partner, the NM Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, such as: an IEP within the last 3 years; Medical reports from an MD; or diagnosis from a licensed clinical social worker, mental health counselor, psychologist or psychiatrist; or, documentation as client of NM DVR; or be a student at NMSD
3. Be a **student**: High school student or college/technical school student

**TO APPLY for Santa Fe Canine Crew online, click link below:**

**Application Link**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**
AUGUST 15 preferred, August 20 at the latest

For any questions or help applying, or if you need a paper application, contact Canine Crew Supervisor, Denise Dumesnil (575) 613-5489 (text is welcome), denise@youthcorps.org

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