



Astonished! Summer Literacy/Recreation Program

Employment Opportunity (Summer Student)

Background Information

The Big Sky Centre for Learning and Being Astonished Inc. (Astonished!) is a registered non-profit charity based in Regina, Saskatchewan. We work in an **inclusive community** to address barriers facing young adults with complex physical disAbilities (Core Members) by creating opportunities for teaching and learning; social, recreational and cultural engagement; and for employment and housing.

Astonished! is currently looking for **two summer students** to work with the Astonished! Program Coordinator to plan, implement, and evaluate a summer literacy program. The literacy program is open to all Astonished! Core Members and participation is limited to approximately 16 Core Members.

Position 1: This position would start the week of May 30th and end August 20th.

Position 2: This position would start the week of June 27th and end August 20th.

Astonished! Literacy Program Overview

A summer program designed to explore and respond to the literacy strengths, dreams, and needs of Astonished! Core Members. Program content is shaped by the strengths, dreams, and needs of each participant. Example content includes traditional literacy as well as numeracy, technology (iPad skills, social media, apps etc.) financial literacy and health literacy.

Based on the strengths, dreams, and needs expressed, program participants will be offered individualized opportunities, group opportunities, or a combination of both. The program will be comprised of approximately 15 sessions with each session running from 1:00pm-4:00pm at the University of Regina (Wednesday and Thursday afternoons in July and August).

In addition, there will be one recreational/leisure-based activity scheduled once a week in the evening (Summer Outdoor Recreation Program).

Responsibilities

- Work collaboratively with the Astonished! Program Coordinator, summer staff, and key volunteers to plan, implement, and evaluate the summer literacy program
- Research existing literacy programs/resources and report findings to the Astonished! Program Advisory Committee
- Assess local literacy resources available to Astonished! members
- Based on the tasks identified above, make future programming recommendations to the Astonished! Program Advisory Committee
- Attend planning and debriefing meetings as needed
- Seek out and apply to various funding sources and participate in summer fundraisers
- Plan and implement an end of program celebration to highlight and celebrate successes
- Assist with other programs and activities as needed (i.e. Astonished! Social Club, Summer Outdoor Recreation Program)

Requirements

- Be between the ages of 15 and 30
- Preference will be given to candidates enrolled in education, social work, kinesiology, nursing or a speech language program
- Interest in and commitment to working in an inclusive community to address barriers facing young adults with complex physical disAbilities
- Commitment to build inclusive community
- Kind, compassionate, and caring
- Criminal record check
- Able to travel to a variety of locations in Regina
- Preference will be given to candidates who are familiar with functional literacy and program design/evaluation
- Previous experience working with young adults with complex physical disAbilities is an asset

Position Details:

Terms of Employment: 30 hours a week primarily Monday-Friday days with occasional hours in the evenings and on weekends. Students may work 'flex' hours around mandatory program hours with approval from the Program Coordinator. Nonprogram hours may be completed at home if the applicant desires.

Wage: \$15.00/hr

Employment term:

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Position 2: This position would start the week of June 27th and end August 20th (negotiable).

Instructions to Applicants

Please send a cover letter and resume to BCV@beingastonished.com with the subject 'Summer Employment'.

Applications will be considered until 5:00 PM CST on May 6th, 2022.

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