

### Student Advocate Volunteer Description

#### Who are Student Advocates?

Student Advocates are college students who make a difference in the lives of local English learners, GED students and their families by volunteering at Aberg Center for Literacy for a semester.

#### What does Aberg Center for Literacy do?

Aberg Center for Literacy provides education that leads to richer lives, stronger families and better communities. Our three primary areas of focus are English learning, GED preparation, and connecting learners to the broader community. Our students are adult learners who participate in volunteer-led classes. Classes are tuition-free and free childcare is provided.

#### What does a Student Advocate do?

Student Advocates partner with a small group of Aberg Center students to help these students and their families achieve educational goals and improve quality of life by connecting with community resources. While each Student Advocate's experience will be unique, volunteering may include activities like:

- Providing tutoring for Aberg Center adult students or their children.
- Arrange a low-cost/no-cost field trip to a local museum or cultural event.
- Help Aberg Center students with marketing needs for their personal businesses (i.e. design business cards, set up a basic web page, proofread a flyer).
- Provide basic technical support for setting up email accounts and Facebook pages.
- Find community organizations that can help meet specific needs of Aberg Center students and make connections and referrals.
- Listen to Aberg Center students. Learn about their hopes, goals and needs and find creative ways to help them achieve those.

#### What is the commitment and how do I get started?

- Complete a volunteer information form.
- Participate in a 2 hour training class.
- Schedule a 2-hour volunteer block each week for a 10 week semester.
  - Volunteer hours are performed on site at Aberg Center for Literacy (5100 Ross Ave) during office hours.
    - Mondays: 8 AM - 8 PM
    - Tuesday - Friday: 8 AM - 5 PM
- Complete an end-of-semester evaluation and contribute a short summary of your experience.

Aberg Center is happy to support college students who are also receiving credit for their Student Advocate experience or who are using it as a class assignment. We will gladly make reasonable accommodations to make your Student Advocate experience meet your educational needs.

Email [volunteer@abergcenter.org](mailto:volunteer@abergcenter.org) for more information or call 214-826-6501 option 4.