

Advocacy Academy

2019 Application - Battle Creek



What is Advocacy Academy?

Advocacy Academy is an opportunity to get involved in the Disability Rights Movement and learn advanced leadership!

It's an 8 week paid summer job where participants will choose a disability advocacy issue to learn about and then create an advocacy campaign around that issue. Participants will learn about:

- The history of the Disability Rights Movement in the United States
- The skills of advocacy
- Personal leadership
- Working in a group
- Workplace skills
- Planning and implementing a disability advocacy project



Advocacy Academy provides valuable experience and training which can be applied to other life experiences. Many of our previous participants have received employment recommendations based on their performance and attitude at Advocacy Academy.

Qualifications & Expectations

Four (4) individuals will be selected to participate in this year's Advocacy Academy program.

We are seeking applicants who:

- Are between 16–29 years of age
- Are able to commit to the entire 8 week position
- Have a disability
- Are motivated to increase their leadership skills

Selected participants are expected to be present for all sessions (see "Schedule" section for details) and participate in the advocacy project process.

This is a paid position at \$10.70 per hour.

Advocacy Academy Schedule

Advocacy Academy meets **Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday afternoons** for 8 weeks during the summer. Participants are expected to be at each session.

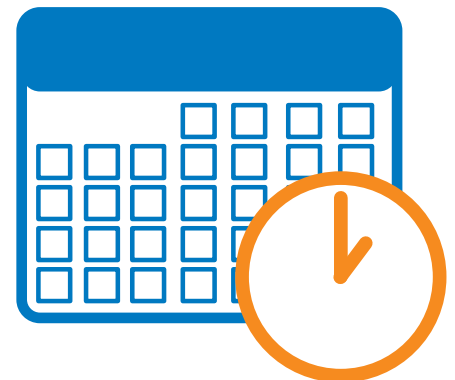
June 18 through August 15, 2019, 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.
(see schedule exceptions below).

Advocacy Academy will meet at:

24 Riverside Drive, Battle Creek, Michigan

Schedule Exceptions:

- On Tuesday, July 30 the group will meet for a full day (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) and travel to Lansing to visit legislators at the State Capitol.
- Advocacy Academy will NOT meet on: July 2, 3, 4 & 31.
- A graduation ceremony will be held on the last day, Thursday, August 15.



How to Apply for Advocacy Academy

To apply for this year's Advocacy Academy, email or mail us your resume along with answers to the following questions:

1. Why are you interested in learning about the Disability Rights Movement and advocacy?
2. What does advocacy mean to you?
3. What leadership skills do you want to develop?
4. Please describe your disability.

(This question is asked to ensure the Advocacy Academy team is comprised of a cross-disability group.)

Send your resume and answers to the above questions to Miranda Grunwell:

email:

grunwellm@dnswm.org

OR mail:

Advocacy Academy Application
c/o Miranda Grunwell
Disability Network Southwest Michigan
517 E. Crosstown Parkway
Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Please let us know if you need an accommodation to apply.

Deadline:

Applications must be received by Thursday, May 9, 2019.

Contact Us

If you have any questions about this application process please contact Miranda at:

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phone:

(269) 345-1516 x 120



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