

# Advocacy Academy 2024



## What is Advocacy Academy?

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

It is 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 work performance at Advocacy Academy.

## Qualifications & Expectations

Six (6) 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

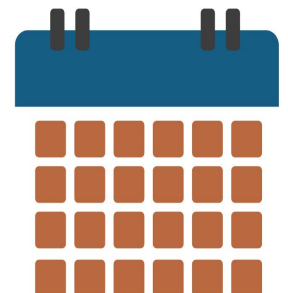
Selected participants are expected to be present for all sessions (see "Advocacy Academy Schedule" section below for more details) and participate in the advocacy project process.

This is a paid position at \$14.00 per hour.

## Advocacy Academy Schedule

Participants are expected to be at each session. Advocacy Academy meets on **Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday afternoons** from **1:00 to 5:00 PM** from **June 17 to August 14, 2024** with the exception of July 3, 4, 5, and 19 when we will **not** meet.

A graduation ceremony will be held on Wednesday, **August 14, 2024**.



## Location

**517 E. Crosstown Parkway  
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49001**

All Advocacy Academy sessions will meet in person at our Kalamazoo office and follow COVID-19 protocols.

# 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 Holly Baker by email or mail. Please let us know if you need an accommodation to apply.

**Email:**

bakerh@dnswm.org

**Mail:**

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

## Deadline

Applications must be received by **Tuesday, May 7, 2024.**

## Contact Us

If you have any questions about this application process please contact Holly Baker.

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