

Job Title: Educational Associate
Reports To: President
Rate of Pay: \$15.00-\$20.00/hour
Prepared Date: 01/2024
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All Aboard for Kids (AAFK) is a Central Iowa-based non-profit organization committed to providing opportunities and resources that support families and individuals living with autism spectrum disorder. Our mission is to promote growth in all areas of development for autistic youth through dynamic and engaging learning experiences. AAFK currently hosts 4 weeks of STEM-based summer programming for autistic children in grades K-12 as well as a workplace readiness program for autistic teens ages 14-young adult. Both programs are located in Ames, Iowa.

RECRUITMENT STATEMENT

We are seeking Educational Associates to assist our Lead Teachers in coordinating and supervising participants as they engage, experience, and explore a curriculum centered around S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics) activities.

Qualified applicants for this role should be energetic, creative problem-solvers with the instincts of a teacher/mentor and a heart for working with autistic youth. This is a unique opportunity to have an immediate, positive impact on youth in your community, as well as gain hands-on experience with a growing, local non-profit.

SUMMARY

Educational Associates are an integral member of the All Aboard for Kids Team who work closely with the Lead Teacher and Activities Coordinator to further the mission of All Aboard for Kids by fostering teamwork and creativity among our program participants each week that our summer camp is in session.

PROGRAM DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

June-July: On location from 8:15 am to 12:45 pm M-F during morning camp sessions

- Assist the Lead Teacher with activities for summer program participants in grades K-12
- Work with students in small groups or individually, 1:1
- Supervise and ensure the safety of camp participants (classroom, playground, field trips, etc...)
- Help keep students on task and engaged in current activity
- Assist students with personal hygiene needs
- Work closely with Lead Teacher and Activities Coordinator to ensure a successful learning experience for all
- Agree to fulfill the terms of the contract of employment

EDUCATION and/or EXPERIENCE

- Experience working with the special needs population, specifically autism, highly desirable but not required

WORKER CHARACTERISTICS

- Excellent communication skills with an ability to establish rapport with team members and the children we serve
- Patience, positivity, and a passion for kids is a must
- Successful completion of a standard background check is required

ESSENTIAL PHYSICAL FUNCTIONS

- Ability to stand for long periods of time
- Ability to go from sitting to standing from the floor
- Position may require some degree of physical interaction with students who have difficulty controlling physical behavior