



College Matters Florida Youth Ambassador Program

Do you know any students looking for an interesting summer job?

The College Matters Florida Project is holding an eight-week online program and we are looking for students or recent graduates to participate. This is a paid position for students.

What is the program about?

We believe college matters for students with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (IDD) in Florida. We designed the College Matters Youth Ambassador Program to prepare students or recent graduates with IDD to promote inclusive college across the state through speaking engagements and outreach.

What are the benefits to students?

Students will learn about leadership, self-advocacy, and develop skills needed to effectively share their stories about the impact college has had on their lives. This includes how to create a presentation, public speaking, and networking.

What are the participant responsibilities?

Students are required to participate in the eight-week program and provide feedback on their experience. Students must commit to attending a minimum of 6 weekly sessions, which will be approximately 75 minutes in length. Each student will be paid \$18/per hour. They may identify an individual to support and assist them throughout the program. Supporters will be paid at the same rate.

What is the time commitment?

Sessions are held every Thursday from 4:00-5:15pm ET beginning July 13 and ending August 31. There will be 15 minutes of content to review between each session.

What kind of students are we looking for?

Students should:

- currently attend or have recently graduated college
- identify as having IDD
- have access to a computer, the internet, and a quiet space
- have a demonstrated ability to speak before groups and an interest in learning more
- commit to attending least 6 of the 8 sessions, including feedback session which occurs August 24

Interested? Please email Jaimie.timmons@umb.edu



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