

Mission Hospital High School Auxiliary Program Overview

Eligibility: Students must be in their freshman, sophomore, or junior year of high school to apply and be turning 15 years of age by February 1 of the following year. (Exceptions can be made on grade level based on age). High School volunteers are expected to volunteer on a weekly basis **year-round until they graduate from high school**. The Auxiliary does not offer “summer only” volunteer positions.

Application Process: Due to the popularity of our program and the limited number of positions available, applications of interest are accepted once a year, open on September 1st, and are due by the 3rd Monday of October. Applications received prior to or after this date will not be accepted. You may send any inquiries to mhauxiliary@providence.org.

Two letters of recommendation are required of the student, one coming from a teacher while the other comes from a coach, mentor, or supervisor at the time of application.

A **minimum 350-word personal statement** as to the student’s desire to volunteer must accompany the application in addition to responses to the following **personal insight questions (minimum 150 words each)**:

- a. In your opinion, what is the most important quality for a hospital volunteer to possess, and how do you think this quality can benefit the patients you encounter? How do you exemplify this quality in your own life?
- b. Reflect on a time when you had to step outside of your comfort zone to help someone. What did you learn about yourself in the process, and in hindsight, is there anything you would have done differently?
- c. Pick one of the values of Mission Hospital—Compassion, Dignity, Justice, Excellence, or Integrity. Describe what it means to you and how you plan to put this value into action in your role as a volunteer in the hospital environment.
- d. Hospitals can be fast-paced and stressful environments. How do you handle stress and maintain a positive attitude when faced with challenges?
- e. What challenges do you anticipate encountering while volunteering in a hospital, and how do you plan to overcome them?

A **resume and scan of a school ID** are also required.

Upon review by the Mission Hospital High School Auxiliary Executive Board, interviews will be granted to prospective candidates who show great promise to enter the program. If accepted after the interview stage, prospective volunteers will move to health clearance. Prospective volunteers must show records of TB test (Quantiferon blood test) and records of Hepatitis B, Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR), Varicella, and flu vaccines. If a candidate has their COVID vaccine records, they must submit them, but there is also a COVID declination for those who have opted to not get the vaccine.

Accepted students must attend mandatory **registration, orientation, department specific training, and shadowing shifts** prior to beginning in the program. There will also be a one-time membership fee of \$125 which covers an identification badge, blue Mission polo shirt and jacket. Volunteers will be required to purchase black khakis, and black or white shoes.

Volunteer Positions: Typically, the earliest students begin volunteering (following the application and health clearance period) is March. Students are assigned based on projected attrition (graduating seniors) or newly created positions. Students will receive, in advance, a department preference survey to be assigned to their first shift in the program. Typical shift assignments are scheduled four (4) hours each week, Monday through Friday from 4 – 8 p.m., or on the weekends from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m., 12 – 4 p.m. or 4 – 8 p.m.

For any additional questions and/or to learn more about Mission Hospital, please visit our website at www.providence.org/MissionHospitalVolunteers, you may also call 949-364-1400 ext. 7944 or send an e-mail to mhauxiliary@providence.org.