Teen Teacher Adviser/Community Coach Job Description

Teen Teacher is both a leadership and scholarship program (see reverse side). Advisers/community coaches are a critical component in the success of this program. For Teens as Teachers to achieve their responsibilities, they will need support and mentoring from an adult. Teens should be guided but allowed autonomy to develop and implement their own ideas in lesson preparation and planning. This is also a leadership development program for the teens, providing them opportunities to develop new skill sets.

Teen Teacher Responsibilities

- Completed application confirming interest and commitment to program.
- Participation in online webinar orientation held prior to the Summit.
- Participation in Training Summit.
- Presentation of lessons in either the Healthy YOUth or Character Counts curriculums.
- Submission of portfolio, reports and final evaluation

Scholarships for Teen Teachers will be based on hours volunteered and quality of online materials submitted.

Advisor/Community Coach Responsibilities

- Participate in online webinar orientation (1 hr) and Summit Training (4 hrs)
- Contact appropriate personnel, etc
- Assist Teen Teachers in connecting with etc.
- Mentor Teen Teachers in lesson preparation:
  - Review lesson plan goals and learner outcomes
  - Assist TT’s in accessing resources (on line and elsewhere)
  - Assist TT’s in identification of needed materials, supplies and handouts
- Following each lesson, assist Teen Teacher with evaluation/reflection of lesson
- Monitor Teen Teachers progress
- Guide Teen Teachers in preparation of final online reports

Advisers/community coaches attending the Summit will receive stipends to be used for lesson supplies and materials.
Teen Teacher Leadership and Scholarship Program

The South Dakota Teen Teacher program is the only scholarship program of its kind in the nation. It provides a powerful service-oriented, community based learning experience for teenagers while benefitting those they teach. The program provides opportunities for older youth to be teachers and mentors to younger students in classroom and after school settings while earning a scholarship for post-secondary education.

Volunteer hours and responsibilities are laid out in a “teaching contract” signed by each teen and co-signed by an adult mentor (Community Coach). The amount of the scholarship earned is based on number of hours volunteered.

At its core, the Teen Teacher program is also a leadership development program which gives high school students the opportunity to:

- learn in-depth information about a specific topic
- develop skill sets for classroom and out of school teaching
- understand youth development principles for various age levels
- learn appropriate teaching approaches for multicultural students
- prepare age-appropriate lesson plans utilizing different teaching techniques, visual aids, demonstrations, discussion and hand-on activities
- develop speaking skills before a group
- manage classroom settings
- mentor elementary and middle school students, and
- experience the rewards of being a teacher.

Upon completing their teaching commitment, they also have the satisfaction of “earning” a college or tech school scholarship to the secondary school of their choice. It gives the recipient the satisfaction of earning money to be used for college or a technical school.

In many instances, the teen teacher experience opened up career choices that older youth hadn’t considered before, either in the subject matter they taught or as a teacher!