# Junior Volunteer Program

Are you a high school student between ages 15 and 18 who's interested in volunteering and wants to learn more about careers in healthcare? Apply to our Junior Volunteer Program (JVP)! You'll enjoy an exceptional experience in this 8-week, structured summer service program where you can experience different types of service opportunities and interactive educational sessions. And throughout it all, you can explore healthcare career areas.

Interested? You'll need to apply online, provide references, complete the essay and interview process and commit to serving at least 4 to 5 hours each week during the 8-week session. A total commitment of 40 service hours, 16 educational hours and active participation during 7 of the 8 weeks is a minimum for acceptance into the program.

#### 2025 locations

The JVP is offered at the following locations in 2025:

- · Geisinger Community Medical Center (Scranton)
- · Geisinger Lewistown Hospital (Lewistown)
- Geisinger Medical Center (Danville)
- Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center (Wilkes-Barre)

## 2025 important dates

Save these important dates for the 2025 JVP:

- Feb. 1 Feb. 28: Application period for all locations
- March 3 14: Application review
- March 17 April 11: Participation in 1 evening or Saturday morning group interview. (Date depends on location.)
- April 26 May 17: Participation in 1 required orientation session, Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Date depends on location.)
- June 16 Aug. 8: Chosen participants serve 4 to 5 hours weekly and attend 1 or more in-person or virtual educational session each week. Service and educational sessions are scheduled between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

# **Application process**

The admission process is competitive and space in the program is limited, so you must apply during the February application period for the following summer's program.

Apply online between Feb. 1 - Feb. 28, 2025:

Apply now

After you've submitted your application, a member of our team will contact you and guide you through completing the following steps in the application process:

- · Complete the required essay we send you.
- · Arrange to have 2 references submitted on your behalf.
- · Attend a group interest interview.
- · Successfully complete a health screening, including testing for drugs and nicotine.
- · Attend the required Saturday orientation session.
- · Complete all clearances upon turning 18.
- · Complete any other training needed before starting service.
- Meet all Geisinger vaccination requirements.

Service opportunities for minors are limited at Geisinger. All youth volunteers must complete a summer session of the JVP (held annually June – August) before volunteering at any other time.

Questions? Contact us by emailing <u>volunteers@geisinger.edu</u> <u>(mailto:volunteers@geisinger.edu)</u> or calling 570-214-6021.

# Aspirations in Medicine and Healthcare Initiatives: A career exploration program

If you're interested in a healthcare-related career and you're in 10th or 11th grade, consider attending our Aspirations in Medicine and Healthcare Initiatives (AiM HI) program through your school district. You can participate in this 1-day, interactive event to learn details about various jobs in health care. Geisinger collaborates with local school districts for this program, so ask your school counselor to reach out for registration information.

#### AiM HI event locations

This event is hosted annually in 3 locations in the Geisinger service footprint and includes schools from the surrounding regions:

- · West: Held in January in Lewistown at the Geisinger School of Nursing
- · Northeast: Held in March in Wilkes-Barre at Wilkes University
- · Central: Held in October in Danville at Geisinger Medical Center

## How to participate

Students can only participate and register for this program through their local public school.

Have your **school counselor** reach out to us for more information and to register for an AiM HI event near you by calling 570-214-6021 or emailing <u>tsmcdowell1@geisinger.edu</u> (mailto:tsmcdowell1@geisinger.edu).

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