



FEDERAL WORK STUDY OPPORTUNITIES IN COMMUNITY SERVICE | FALL 2011

A program offered through Federal Work Study allows students to get paid \$8/hour while performing community service. These options are available at Loyola this year: Caroline Center, St. Ambrose Center, Health Leads, CARES, and Refugee Youth Project. These positions are fun and challenging experiences that will help you gain valuable work skills while you earn your work-study award. Students who work with

the agencies have access to vehicles from Loyola's motor pool, so vehicles are available for you to drive to and from the programs. You will be paid for your training hours, transportation time, as well as for your actual service.

❖ **St. Ambrose Center** is located in West Baltimore's Park Heights neighborhood. It is a community center that offers a variety of day and evening programs for children and families. While helping meet basic human needs is a vital part of the St. Ambrose mission, its principal focus is to provide resources to help individuals become self-sufficient, realize their potential and achieve their life goals. Work study students serve as tutors in the after-school program, assist with the daily tasks of the food pantry, and drive other volunteers. The Center is open Monday through Friday. The after-school program runs from 3:30-6:00pm.

❖ **Caroline Center** is a job training/education program for women in East Baltimore. Caroline Center's goal is to assist women who are living in poverty to gain the tools, self-esteem, and the knowledge necessary to obtain a job that pays a living wage. For many women who come to the center, their first step is the GED. Work study students serve as tutors to supplement classroom learning. Tutoring takes place during the normal school day between 9am - 12pm. Work study students can work one or more days per week depending upon their schedules.

❖ **Refugee Youth Project** seeks to improve the lives of Baltimore's youngest refugees by supporting their academic needs and making their acculturation simple and meaningful. RYP is an after-school program run by Baltimore City Community College in conjunction with local refugee resettlement agencies. RYP serves over 50 refugees between the ages of 6 and 21. Work study students serve as tutors and drivers for the after-school program. There are three RYP tutoring sites: Upton (serving mostly African refugees) Mon-Thurs, 3:30-5:30pm; Moravia Elementary School; RYP at Patterson High School -- Wednesdays, 3:45-5:45pm. The program orientation is scheduled for Sat, September 17 from 9am-12pm on Loyola's campus.

❖ **CARES** is a combination food pantry and emergency financial assistance center within walking distance from Loyola's campus. CARES serves individuals and families whose access to the basics of housing, adequate food and financial resources is extremely tenuous. But beyond simply providing emergency assistance, CARES' goal is to help families escape the cycle of crises and move toward self-sufficiency. Work study students serve as job mentors with the Career Connections program and serve for at least one morning per week, 9am-12pm.

❖ **Health Leads** is a national non-profit organization that aims to break the link between poverty and poor health. Volunteers serve in the Labor and Delivery Unit of the University of Maryland Medical Center to reduce the infant mortality rate and improve the health of newborns and their mothers. Health Leads volunteers assist low income mothers in accessing community resources critical to their health, safety, and economic survival. Volunteers then follow up with clients and service providers on a weekly basis to ensure that families do indeed receive the necessary resources. A minimum commitment of 6 hours/week is required.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

To learn more about these positions and to apply, visit www.loyola.edu/ccsj or contact Carol Cyphers at the Center for Community Service and Justice, 410-617-2489, ccyphers@loyola.edu. Applications are due by Friday, September 16.