

Mission Hospital High School Auxiliary Program overview

Eligibility: Students must be in their freshman or sophomore year of high school to apply and be turning 15 years of age by February 1 of the next year. (Exceptions can be made on grade level based on age). Students must also reside within the Capistrano, Laguna Beach, or Saddleback Unified School Districts. High School volunteers are expected to volunteer on a weekly basis year round, and for a minimum of one year. Students typically volunteer 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 during the first 2 weeks of October. Applications received prior to or after this date will not be accepted.

One letter of recommendation is required of the student from a teacher, high school advisor, or coach at the time of application. **A personal statement** as to the student’s desire to volunteer must accompany the application as well. **A resume** is a new component to the application this year and will also be 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, provisional volunteers will move to health clearance. Prospective volunteers must show records of TB test (Quantiferon blood test) and records of Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR), Chickenpox and COVID-19 vaccinations.

Accepted students must attend a mandatory **three-hour general orientation, three weeks of general training and two additional weeks of specific training** in the department in which they are assigned. 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) in February. Students are assigned based on projected attrition (graduating seniors) or newly created positions. Depending on the number of applicants and the number of available positions, students from Dana Hills, Aliso Viejo, and Laguna Beach High Schools volunteer at the Laguna Beach campus if there are not enough positions available at the Mission Viejo (main) campus. Students may request to volunteer at the Laguna Beach campus from other schools. All other schools will be assigned to the Mission Viejo campus. Typical shift assignments are scheduled four (4) hours each week, Monday through Friday from 4 – 8 p.m., or on the weekends from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Noon – 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 or call 949-364-1400 ext. 7944.