



Youth Leadership and Engagement Coordinator

Summary:

Scenarios USA is a national non-profit organization that uses writing and filmmaking to foster youth leadership, advocacy and self-expression in students across the country with a focus on marginalized communities. Scenarios USA asks young people to write about the issues that shape their lives such as HIV/AIDS, pregnancy, peer-pressure, communication, drug/alcohol use, violence and gender. Scenarios USA believes that by valuing youth and listening to their opinions we can have an impact on promoting healthy relationships and empowering a generation of engaged citizens.

For more information visit www.ScenariosUSA.org

Scenarios USA is seeking a Youth Leadership and Engagement Coordinator (YL&EC) to work with its rapidly evolving program division. Founded in 1999, Scenarios USA has grown dramatically in its first decade. This position is fulltime temporary and will deliver on our commitment to youth and civic engagement. The position may become a staff position.

The YL&EC will work in close partnership with the Scenarios USA program team: Managing Producer - Film, Education and Outreach Manager and the Greater Cleveland Coordinator, program consultants, and the Executive Director.

The YL&EC is a contributor to Scenarios USA program development and is a passionate and persuasive representative of the organization and its mission.

Responsibilities:

- Be the main contact for the youth who participate in the Scenarios USA programs.
- Ensure youth participate in program activities as defined in the program plan, including, but not limited to:
 - Providing creative input and support for select youth as they develop their winning story into screenplays for production and national distribution.
 - Preparing and coaching youth speakers for public speaking engagements.
 - Mentoring youth including writing letters of recommendation, supporting college application process/planning for life after high school.
- Conceive/Coordinate/Implement all youth development activities including:
 - Three-Day Advocacy Leadership Institute in Summer 2010,
 - One-Day Public Speaking, Media, and Advocacy Workshop in preparation for annual Gala.
- Produce reports on youth and community development activities for management, board, and funders.
- Coordinate film pre-production activities with youth winner, the winner's high school and community, and the professional director and filmmaking crew.
- Support program activities by identifying ways youth can enhance their learning through community involvement.
- Cultivate partnerships with potential Mentors and other systems of support.
- Liaison with press on behalf of the youth.

- Assist in planning the delivery of the overall program and its activities in accordance with Scenarios USA's mission and goals.
- Contribute to all aspects of program development with particular emphasis on youth development.

Reports to: Executive Director

Location: Brooklyn, New York

Start Date: Mid-February 2010

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree.
- 3-5 years experience in youth development/community organizing, or advanced formal education in relevant field or first-hand experience as a participant in a youth development program which provided transformative moments.
- A demonstrated commitment to leadership roles on behalf of youth.
- A proven track record for making things happen in your school, community, or other organization.
- Academic institutional knowledge or demonstrated interest around advancing Gender Studies.
- Superior project management, leadership, and production skills.
- Experience or strong interest in storytelling as activism.
- Excellent interpersonal and communications skills and able to work as part of a group.
- Sensitive to age, gender, background, and cultural differences in a diverse group.
- Willing to travel.
- Fluent English; second language, particularly Spanish, desirable.
- Commitment to the mission of Scenarios USA:
 - Youth are recipients of, as well as resources and valued partners in, our work.
 - We work to build communities of engaged learners and leaders.
 - Better education is a vital tool towards pursuing social justice.

Compensation: Commensurate with experience. Salary range for this position is competitive for similarly sized nonprofits. This position does not receive health benefits. Benefits would become available should this become a staff position.

To apply:

Send cover letter, resume, and salary requirements by January 13, 2010.

By email: admin@Scenariosusa.org; subject line: Youth Leadership and Engagement Coordinator Search

By mail: Youth Leadership and Engagement Coordinator Search
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Please do not call to check on the process. We will call you to set up interviews.

Scenarios USA is an equal opportunity employer and welcomes a diverse pool of candidates.