



2026 Youth Volunteer Program Program Information Sheet

Purpose:

The goal of the youth volunteer program is to provide needed assistance to the patients, staff and guests of UNC Health Rockingham, while also providing the youth with an opportunity for a positive work experience in a health care setting.

Procedure:

Qualifying youth who participated in last summer's program are invited to participate again. Representatives of UNC Health Rockingham with input from school guidance counselors and teachers will review the applications received and choose the additional youth volunteers needed for the summer program. This summer we will be able to take a total of approximately 20-25 youth. Selected applicants will be notified. Applicants not selected will also be notified.

Program Dates:

The youth program begins on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, with a mandatory on-site orientation session and ends on Thursday, July 30, 2026.

Application Process:

1. Complete the 2026 Youth Volunteer Application.
2. One Reference Inquiry completed by a guidance counselor or teacher.
3. Two completed General Reference Inquiries.
4. Due to UNC Health Rockingham by Monday, April 6, 2026.
 - a. Mail to: Volunteer Services
117 E. Kings Highway
Eden, NC 27288
 - b. Email to: Carla.Estes-porter@unchealth.unc.edu with questions.
 - c. Drop off packet at visitor's desk in main lobby at UNC Health Rockingham, do not leave the packet if someone is not at the desk to accept it. Make sure to mark Volunteer Services attn.: Carla Porter on the envelope so it will get to me.

Mandatory Requirements:

1. Must have completed the eighth grade and be 14 years old by the beginning of the program. Students can only volunteer through summer after 11th grade. **
2. Must attend the information session **with** a parent or guardian on Monday, May 18, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm **this may be offered virtually.
3. Must attend the mandatory on-site general orientation and training session, Tuesday, June 16 from 9 am to 3:30 pm.
4. Attendance of a parent or guardian is **not** required for the June 16th orientation and training. However, youths must attend both sessions to qualify as a youth volunteer. No exceptions can be made. Sessions are May 18th & June 16th.
5. During the summer youth volunteer program, a youth volunteer cannot accumulate more than 3 unexcused absences, or 5 total absences. Please look closely at your summer plans before you apply.
6. Provide Proof of a TDAP within 10 years.
7. Provide a copy of childhood immunizations and proof of completed vaccines.

8. We will schedule a visit with UNC Health Rockingham Occupational Health **parents must attend with youth to sign consent form. ** We will provide more information.

Assignments:

1. Youth volunteer must work a minimum of 6 hours each week. (Youth volunteers do not work on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays or after 4:30 pm.)
2. Youth volunteers are under the general supervision of the Volunteer Services staff and specific supervision of the department managers to whom they are assigned.
3. Youth volunteers are assigned to work with adult volunteers, youth volunteers who were in the program last summer, or hospital staff, until they are adequately trained.

A schedule is made by the Volunteer Services staff that place the youth in specific assignments each week. Youth volunteers work a minimum of six hours each week, either one full day or two half days, with opportunities for more work by substituting. **All first-year youth volunteers are expected to work where needed.** Summers thereafter, they are given an opportunity to choose one shift per week. The second shift is assigned. ***Please note that direct shadowing opportunities are available to returning youth volunteers only.***

4. When a volunteer is unable to work on her/his assigned day, that volunteer is responsible for obtaining a substitute from a list provided by the Volunteer Services staff.

If you are interested in the program please have your application here by **Monday, April 6, 2026** any applications after this date will not be considered for the 2026 program year.

Thank you for your interest in the Summer Youth Volunteer Program for 2026 at UNC Health Rockingham.

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