



EACS and CRB's Summer Learning Program: 2014

Volunteer Position: Summer Academic Classroom Assistant

Location: New Holly Learning Center, Seattle, WA

Hours: Minimum 4 hours, 1 day per week

Dates: Monday-Thursday from 1PM to 5PM, July 7 to August 7

Background: The Coalition for Refugees from Burma (CRB) has been assisting refugees from Burma and around the world since 2006. CRB's mission is to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate humanitarian and social support services to improve the living conditions and quality of life of all resettled refugees. CRB intentionally reaches across ethnic, religious and language barriers to foster community cohesion and build capacity.

The mission of East African Community Services (EACS) is to develop and strengthen the capacity of East Africans in King County at individual, family, and community levels. The population EACS serves is primarily Somali, ranging from newly arrived refugees to citizens who have been living here for over a decade, from farmers to former university professors, and from infants to elders.

Scope of Work: For the 2013/2014 school year, CRB has partnered with Seattle Public Schools to provide services that will help to ensure refugee youth are successful in school and beyond. This summer, CRB, in partnership with EACS, is planning a 5-week **Summer Learning Program** for approximately 50-70 refugee and immigrant students. **EACS and CRB's Summer Learning Program** targets newly arrived refugee youth and immigrant students who are in need of additional academic support.

Position Summary: Summer Academic Classroom Assistants will be responsible for engaging students in daily academic activities and providing classroom support to Summer Learning Instructors. **Classroom Assistants** will also monitor students during larger enrichment and outdoor activities. Individuals may volunteer **between 1 to 4 days per week** for a minimum of 4 hours; they will be expected to make at least a **5-week commitment**, and retain a consistent, reliable schedule.

Essential Job Functions:

- Work with CRB's Youth Programs Coordinator and EACS' Volunteer and Education Coordinator to ensure that the students and instructors receive the support and materials they need.
- Facilitate educational activities with individuals, pairs and small groups.
- Provide feedback to CRB's and EACS' staff on individual student progress and/or struggles on a consistent basis.
- Chaperone larger group activities, if available.

Position requirements:

- Prior experience tutoring school aged youth desired (experienced teachers encouraged to apply).
- Comfort working with youth from a variety of backgrounds, including those with limited formal education and/or English literacy skills.
- Flexibility and comfort teaching in a multi-level classroom.
- Ability to work both independently and as part of a team.
- Exceptional organizational skills and the ability to multi-task.
- Participation in a volunteer orientation prior to beginning volunteer service.
- Must be at least 18 years of age.
- Background check and fingerprinting is required by Seattle Public Schools (at no cost to the volunteer).

Benefits:

- Gain valuable experience working with refugee and immigrant youth
- Build your resume and network with multiple non-profit partners (such as The Pacific Science Center and Bike Works!)
- Earn Service Learning Credits

To apply for this position, please send resume and statement of interest to svhalen@allburmarefugees.org.