

# Lakeview Hospital's Student Volunteer Program Information

## **Who participates?**

The program is open to high school and college students. All Lakeview volunteers must have completed 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

## **When do students volunteer?**

There are two sessions for students—Fall/Winter (Oct. through April) and Summer (June through August). See website ([www.lakeview.org](http://www.lakeview.org)) or call the volunteer office for application deadlines. Summer session is very popular; applications for that session need to be turned in six weeks prior to the start of the session.

## **How often do students volunteer?**

Typically once a week, for a 3-4 hour shift.

## **What do student volunteers do?**

Students volunteer in many departments throughout the hospital, including nursing stations, pharmacy, surgery, offices, etc. Every effort is made to match students as closely as possible with their area of interest.

## **What is the process for becoming a volunteer?**

Students complete the volunteer application, meet with the Volunteer Coordinator for an interview, attend mandatory orientation, and receive department-specific orientation. All Lakeview volunteers have a Mantoux (tuberculosis screening) test before starting. This is a skin test involving an injection that is administered by an R.N. Lakeview conducts criminal background checks on volunteers 18 years of age and older who will be working in patient care areas.

## **What do student volunteers wear?**

Lakeview provides a t-shirt to be worn with tan or khaki pants. (No jeans or shorts.) An ID badge must be worn at all times while in the hospital. Shoes should be closed-toe and comfortable for walking, such as athletic shoes. Additional information will be made available to volunteers working in patient care areas.

## **What kind of commitment is this?**

Lakeview expects its volunteers to regard volunteering the same way they would a paid job—to be on time, to call if they are ill, and to give advance notice if they need a day off. We expect student volunteers to have carefully considered whether they have the time and energy to give to volunteering before committing to a session. We depend on our volunteers to be here when scheduled and to do their best.

## **What are the benefits?**

- Volunteering at Lakeview provides students with valuable hospital experience.
- Volunteers working three hours or more receive a free meal in the hospital cafeteria.
- The Volunteer Coordinator keeps a record of volunteer hours and may serve as a reference.
- Student volunteers are eligible for Lakeview scholarships.

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