Internship/Field Placement Position
YMCA Lighthouse Project, Homewood Brushton YMCA

Program Overview:
The YMCA Lighthouse Project is a comprehensive after school program that seeks to educate and empower high school youth through an integration of digital media and arts expression, academic support, civic engagement and college preparation. Our mission is to develop young people that are creative, connected and prepared for college and career. Each year the Lighthouse engages approximately 75 youth in project-based learning experiences that connect to their creative interests while fostering a positive sense of self and developing technical and transferable skills that position them for life after high school.

Position Overview:
The YMCA Lighthouse Project is currently seeking to host a field placement/internship with enrolled college or university students in the fields social work, counseling, education or communications. Ideal candidates are those who are passionate about working with youth and families to impact the social and educational development of our youth through project-based learning, academic support and family engagement.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:
• Work with assigned field supervisor to set goals and assignments based on interests and strengths of the intern and needs of the program
• Conducts weekly one-on-one meetings with enrolled students
• Effectively document and communicate student needs and concerns to field supervisor and relevant program staff.
• Develop and support partnerships with school, parents and partner organizations
• Assist and lead family/community engagement efforts including events, performances and family dinners.
• Embodies the principles of positive youth development
• Maintain open communication with staff and stakeholders
• Identify and take action with specific student needs such SAT prep and applying to colleges.
• Leverages the Pittsburgh Promise as a tool for motivating youth toward academic success

Qualifications:
• Ideal candidate is currently enrolled in a relevant course of study at an accredited college or university.
• Should have at least one year of experience volunteering or working with youth.
• Strong communication and facilitation skills
• Patient and well organized
• Self-motivated and able to work well independently and as part of a team.
• Artistic interest or digital media skills are a plus, but not required.

**Clearances Required:**
Act 33, 34 and FBI Clearance

**Location & Availability:**
The field placement will take place at the Lighthouse Youth Media Center located in the Homewood Brushton YMCA. Lighthouse program hours are 3pm-7:30pm Monday through Friday. Candidates should be available during these after school hours to fulfill the required weekly hours for the field placement. The position requires occasional weekends for special events and performances.