

Martin Luther King Summer Scholars Volunteer Information

John Hancock Financial Services, The Boston Globe, Partners Healthcare, and Boston University are pleased to sponsor the 2009 MLK Summer Scholars Program (formerly called the Boston Summer Scholars). The MLK Summer Scholars program will provide over 500 teenagers with on-the-job training in a corporate or non-profit environment, in addition to weekly skill-based workshops. John Hancock Financial Services and The Boston Globe, with help from Boston Cares and Teen Empowerment, are coordinating the Friday morning workshop series, which will cover topics such as personal finance, interviewing skills, and leadership.

Volunteer Mentors are needed support the workshop sessions, which will be held on Friday mornings, from 9:00 AM -11:00 AM, between July 10 and August 21. In order to create community, build relationships with student participants, and offer consistency to the students' experience, volunteers are needed to make a commitment in one of the following ways. Mentors will be with the same group of students for the duration you volunteer.

- The first 3 sessions (July 10, July 17 & July 24)
- The second 3 sessions (July 31, August 7 & August 14)
- All 6 sessions (July 10 – August 14)
- The final Graduation session is optional.

Details:

- Workshops will run 9AM –11AM on the following dates: July 10, July 17, July 24, July 31, Aug 7, Aug 14 and Aug 21.
- Session topics for 2009 are:
 1. July 10 – Opening session
 2. July 17 – Finance and Money
 3. July 24 – Writing and Communications
 4. July 31 – Interviewing
 5. August 7 – Personal Presentation
 6. August 14 – Leadership
 7. August 21 – Graduation

Location Info:

- Sessions will be at Agganis Arena at Boston University.
- Parking is FREE in the Agganis Parking Garage attached to the Arena.

Requirements:

- Must be available 8:15 AM – 11:15 AM (Unfortunately, this commitment can't accommodate late arrivals or early departures.)

Responsibilities:

- Arrive before the workshop begins and depart after all students have left, making a 3-hour commitment.
- Be assigned to 9 students at a table, who will be the same students each week you volunteer.
- Take attendance and hand out nametags at the table, collecting them again at the end of the session.
- Introduce yourself to your students and participate in the workshop with them.
- Ensure your students turn off their cell phones and engage in the workshop.
- Answer any questions your students may have about the workshop or anything in general.
- Facilitate small group portions of workshops, such as discussions, short break-out assignments, etc.
- Distribute and collect evaluations at the conclusion of each workshop from your 9 assigned students.

See the video created about last year's program: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kzsBCriOrh8>

See Press Coverage of the Summer Scholars Program:

- Channel 4: <http://wbztv.com/video/?id=63971@wbz.dayport.com>
- Channel 5: <http://www.thebostonchannel.com/politics/16750374/detail.html>
- Globe: http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2008/07/01/businesses_help_put_500_teens_to_work/

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