***No Kid Hungry Youth Ambassadors***

**Posting: Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee**

**Location: 1020 Jericho Drive Kingsport, TN 37663**

No child should grow up hungry in America, but one in six children struggle with hunger. That’s 13 million kids. By connecting kids in need with nutritious food, the No Kid Hungry campaign surrounds children with healthy food where they live, learn and play.

We’re ending childhood hunger by connecting kids to effective nutrition programs like school breakfast and summer meals. This work is accomplished through the No Kid Hungry network, made up of private citizens, public officials, nonprofits, business leaders and others providing innovative hunger solutions in their communities. These public-private partnerships work together to identify and eliminate the barriers that may prevent children from accessing existing food and nutrition resources.

Share Our Strength has created a program to involve college-aged Youth Ambassadors in the fight against childhood hunger by working with one of our No Kid Hungry community partners.

For the summer program, Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee will host **one (1) Youth Ambassador** working on initiatives related to the alleviation of childhood hunger via our summer food service program and summer mobile pantry.

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

General:

*Monitoring and helping run the Summer Meals Program Sites (40%)*

*Working with volunteers on food packing and warehouse duties (30%)*

*Creating content and collecting stories and pictures for the program (15%)*

*Tracking and entering data about program (10%)*

*Training and Coaching Sites (5%)*

Includes:

* *Organizing Kick-off and Spike week events*
* *Leading volunteers on specific projects*
* *Gathering stories and pictures for social media content*
* *Conducting program site visits*
* *Data collection, entry, and tracking*

*Our Youth Ambassadors help lead our Summer AmeriCorps team and help the Children’s Program Coordinator meet objectives in grants. They will help build, test, and track data on pilot programs. This summer the state will be launching a new meal counting app that we will train our site leaders on and do site visits to make sure they are reporting data correctly. We will also start our second year of direct family contact and education via simple texting, constant contact, and door knocking after promising results from our pilot program last year. When tasks can be completed at home the ambassadors are allowed to work from home. When they require in-person we will provide PPE, vehicles, and anything else they need to accomplish their goals safely. We have a social distancing rule at the food bank that no more than one person can be in the office at a time and only so many people can be in the warehouse volunteer room at a time. We have also worked with master’s program in The College of Public Health at East Tennessee State University to develop safety protocols for Covid if our program goes back to congregate feeding and Youth Ambassadors would be part of that protocol roll out.*

QUALIFICATIONS:

No Kid Hungry seeks enthusiastic college students to join our program as Youth Ambassadors.

The ideal candidate will have:

* A great attitude and willingness to work on all kinds of projects
* Interest in hunger issues
* Commitment to working with diverse communities
* Reliability, responsibility, and a good work ethic
* Good customer service and interpersonal skills
* Ability to work independently
* Familiarity with social media
* Use of personal laptop and mobile phone preferred
* Have a good driving record for the past 3 years
* Be vaccinated for Covid19

Youth Ambassadors will receive a stipend of no more than $6000 over the course of the summer, for a completion of 400 hours over 10 weeks, including one week of paid vacation. **The program starts on Wednesday, May 25th, and ends on Tuesday, August 02, 2022.**

Youth Ambassadors will report to a national No Kid Hungry staff member, and a Second Harvest Food Bank staff member. Ambassadors will participate in weekly conference calls, complete a weekly report, and attend online training sessions throughout their term.

**Interested applicants should apply online at** [**http://nokidhungry.org/youth-ambassadors**](http://nokidhungry.org/youth-ambassadors)**.**