



**Shriners Hospitals**  
for Children™

**Northern California**

Dear Summer Youth Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in becoming part of the Summer Youth Academy at Shriners Hospitals for Children – Northern California. We are delighted by the enthusiastic response we have received from students throughout our region. The popularity of our Summer Youth Academy has grown tremendously, and our goal is to make each participant's time with us meaningful and memorable. You may submit your application starting February 15, 2021.

Our ability to welcome volunteers has been impacted by COVID-19 and while we do not have volunteers in the hospital at this time, we are hopeful that we can welcome Summer Youth applicants by the time interviews are scheduled.

We are working hard to properly place each volunteer to ensure a quality experience. To do so, it is important that we learn more about the needs and interests of each of our candidates. We are asking that each applicant write a 450 to 500 word essay stating:

- why you wish to volunteer at Shriners Hospitals for Children - Northern California;
- what has helped to shape your identity, dreams, and/or aspirations; and,
- give an example of something you have done that demonstrates initiative

Your essay can be typed or cut/paste into your Shriners Youth Academy Application in the section titled **Essay** at a later time than the initial submission of your Application. Be sure to make a note of your username and password so you can access your application at a later point. All essays must include your name, age and school in the top right hand corner.

**All applications and essays considered for the program must be received by Noon on April 1, 2021.**

Students advancing to the next step will be notified within two weeks of deadline and invited to a mandatory meeting and interview, which will take place the fourth week of April. Students then selected to participate in the program will be notified within the next 72 hours that they have been accepted and instructed by email to submit required immunizations to start their pre-screening process.

Volunteers are vital to the mission of Shriners Hospitals for Children – Northern California, and we thank you for your interest in supporting our hospital.

Sincerely,

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