



### **SOAR Appalachian Nursing Academy (ANA) Chaperone/RA Description**

#### *Job Description:*

Shaping Our Appalachian Region (SOAR) is a regional nonpartisan 501c3 nonprofit located in Pikeville, KY. It champions local projects, programs, and advocacy for the 54 Appalachian Regional Commission counties in Eastern Kentucky. SOAR's mandate is to fill the economic gaps left by the decline of the coal industry. Its task is to rally communities to help achieve these goals together for the good of all. Its mission is to expand job creation; enhance regional opportunity, innovation, and identity; improve the quality of life; and support all those working to achieve these goals in Appalachian Kentucky.

This summer, SOAR is hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Appalachian Nursing Academy (ANA), a two-week long program at UPIKE for thirty rising high school juniors and seniors designed to teach them more about nursing and healthcare. The role of chaperone/RA would include assisting in supervising the students and responding to any issues that arise, making sure students stick to the schedule and are where they need to be at designated times, and serving as someone who can speak more about their experience in college on a more casual level. You would be required to reside in the dorms with the students for the duration of the program.

#### *Desired Skills:*

Excellent written and verbal skills. Effective communicator and self-initiator. Ability to adapt to changing environment and problem-solve. Past experience working with high school students and/or experience as a camp counselor or RA.

#### *Responsibilities:*

The responsibilities of the chaperone will vary daily but will include the following -

- Supervision of ANA students
- Enforcing rules and policies of the ANA
- Mediating conflicts between roommates and/or other ANA students
- Acting as a liaison between the ANA and UPIKE
- Creating a comfortable, safe, and supportive atmosphere for the ANA students
- Other unexpected duties as required

*Brief Description of the ANA:*

In partnership with the University of Pikeville, Pikeville Medical Center, and various other partners, the Appalachian Nursing Academy (ANA) is aimed at rising high school juniors and seniors interested in pursuing a career in nursing. Thirty students from across the Appalachian Region will be invited to participate in numerous interactive workshops, presentations, and activities designed to help them develop the skills they need to be successful applicants to a nursing program. Students accepted to the program will be invited to the two-week summer course, which will take place at the University of Pikeville from 07/09 - 07/21 in Pikeville, KY.

While on campus, students will participate in various workshops, presentations, and activities designed to help them develop the skills needed to be successful applicants to nursing programs. The summer program will include financial information for college, like the basics of the FAFSA and how to apply for scholarships and finances in college. Students will also take a refresher or introduction on CPR and first aid training. Students will additionally receive soft skills training to work on communication, conflict resolution, teamwork, leadership, time management, emotional intelligence, and confidence. Students will practice professional development like resume building, mock interviews, and other critical professional skills. Finally, motivational speakers are one of the essential aspects of the program. The speakers will share local success stories to show students how feasible it is to achieve the career of their dreams.

*Program Dates and Schedule:*

Chaperones will be required to be present from 07/08/23 (Saturday) - 07/21/23 (Friday). 07/08 will be a training/orientation day and the students will arrive on 07/09. During the two weeks, you will work in 8-hour shifts throughout the day to ensure the ANA students are always under adult supervision. Two chaperones will be on night duty/on-call should any emergencies arise; this will rotate daily.

*Program Compensation:*

Housing in the UPIKE dorms and food will be paid for by the program. Additionally, chaperones will receive a \$3,000 stipend at the end of the two weeks.

Apply [HERE](#). The deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.