



ADVANCE TEAM POSITION DESCRIPTION

George Mason University and the Washington Scholars Program (Washington Journalism and Media Conference-WJMC and Washington Youth Summit on the Environment-WYSE) seek several dynamic and enthusiastic individuals to fill the positions of Advance Team Members for three separate week-long residential student leadership programs held between June 22 and July 25, 2026.

About WJMC: Two week-long programs bring together 600 of the nation's brightest rising high school juniors and seniors for an intensive **experiential** Conference focused on **leadership** and **journalism**. Students and staff reside on the Fairfax campus of George Mason University while taking advantage of Washington, D.C. and venues such as the National Press Club and the U.S. Capitol. **Detailed information and a tentative schedule can be found at wjmc.gmu.edu.**

About WYSE: WYSE brings together 300 of the nation's brightest rising high school juniors and seniors for an intensive **experiential** Summit focusing on **leadership**, **environmental science**, and **conservation**. Students and staff reside on the Fairfax campus of George Mason University, while taking advantage of Washington, D.C. and venues such as the Smithsonian's National Zoo and the U.S. Capitol. **Detailed information and a tentative schedule can be found at wyse.gmu.edu.**

Job Description: As a member of the Advance Team, you will be part of an eight-person team responsible for all program logistics including transportation, housing, dining, inventory, and event services.

Job Duties:

- Preparing and maintaining residence halls, facilitating meals, tracking staff and student dietary needs, maintaining program inventory, ensuring that all speaking events are set and ready for student arrival, and overseeing a safe and efficient transfer process from location to location
- Trouble-shooting any situations that might arise onsite with the students, speakers, faculty, vendors, and/or facilities

Job Requirements:

- Ability to carry out the responsibilities listed above and abide by the program Code of Conduct
- Interest in or knowledge of event planning, logistics, and working with high school students
- Attention to detail and flexibility in assignments
- Ability to think on your feet and make informed decisions in high-pressure situations
- The ability to work extended days and hours at a high energy pace
- Reside on campus at George Mason University for all program weeks
- Travel to and from campus at the start and end of the program and pay for parking if using a personal vehicle
- Pass a mandatory criminal background check
- Must provide own cell phone with texting plan
- Driver's License, clean driving record, and willingness to drive a Virginia State vehicle

Work Schedule:

- WYSE training and Summit prep: June 22-27
- WYSE: June 28-July 4
- WJMC training and Conference prep: July 6 - 11
- WJMC Session 1: July 12-July 18
- WJMC Session 2: July 19-July 25

Housing: Room accommodation is provided from June 26 to July 4 and July 10 to July 25. Team members must reside on campus during these dates and are responsible for their own housing accommodations during prep weeks.

Travel: Travel to and from George Mason University is not provided. If you are parking on campus, you will receive more information closer to the summer about purchasing a parking permit.

Compensation: Advance Team Members will receive \$1250/week and room accommodation and most meals during program weeks and training days. We expect compensation to cover travel and minimal meal costs during the programs.

How to Apply: Send a resume and cover letter to the Assistant Director of Logistics by March 1.

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