LIFT-Philadelphia Volunteer Advocate Application

LIFT-Philadelphia is looking for dedicated, resourceful, and enthusiastic advocates. Advocates will have the opportunity to make a positive impact in the lives of Philadelphia community members while learning about local domestic poverty issues. Our Mission and Vision LIFT’s mission is to help community members achieve economic stability and well-being. We are working to establish a new standard for holistic and enduring solutions in our country’s fight against poverty. Our Organization LIFT currently runs centers staffed by trained volunteer advocates in Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, and Washington, DC, to serve individuals and families struggling to make ends meet. LIFT recruits and trains a diverse corps of advocates to work side-by-side with community members. LIFT members and advocates work one-on-one to find jobs, secure safe and stable housing, make ends meet through public benefits and tax credits, and obtain quality referrals for services like childcare and healthcare. As a result, the LIFT experience pushes advocates to grapple with our country’s most challenging issues related to poverty, race, inequality, and policy. Since LIFT’s founding in 1998, over 12,000 volunteer advocates have served more than 100,000 individuals and families. Please read the information below and then complete the following application. All applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Application Due Date: September 12th New Advocate Training Dates (Attendance at one training is required): •New Advocate Training #1: September 13th-14th •New Advocate Training #2: September 20th-21st. Follow this link to apply: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/181j204DDQCE_v9GkMW-1taGrrk6LTFfGyKuRUSARz0/viewform?usp=send_form

If you have any questions feel free to email phillyrecruitment@liftcommunities.org, visit our website at www.liftcommunities.org, or stop by our office located at 5548 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19139. Responsibilities and Requirements •Work one-on-one with community members to help them identify and achieve goals by connecting them to housing, employment, social services, and/or educational opportunities •No experience in direct member service is necessary, but applicants must be willing to be resourceful, committed and dedicated to the success of the individuals they work alongside •Participate in an intense pre-service training in order to become familiar with the LIFT approach to member service and become oriented to services in the Philadelphia area. All new advocates and interns are required to complete two consecutive days of training. •Commit to one year of service with the opportunity to modify scheduling quarterly •Advocates are required to commit 8 or more hours of service per week, and interns are required to commit 16 or more hours of service per week. Each shift must be 4 consecutive hours long between the hours of 9:00-1:00 or 1:00-5:00, with the expectation to arrive no less than 15 minutes prior to the start of each shift. Additional Information •All interests and backgrounds are encouraged to apply. •Advocates are not paid for their time at LIFT. All students who are Pennsylvania residents and qualify for Federal Work Study are able to receive Work Study through LIFT. If your school offers academic credit, we can help facilitate. •Proficiency in Spanish or another language is a plus.

Name *
Phone Number *

E-mail *

If currently a student, what College or University are you attending?

Date of Birth *
Month  
Day  
2014  

How many hours are you able to commit to working at LIFT per week? *
Please note there is a minimum requirement of 8 hours per week.

What shifts are you available to work with LIFT? *
Shifts can be in either 4 or 8-hour increments. Please select 2 or more of the boxes below.

- Monday 8:45AM-1PM
- Monday 12:45PM-5PM
- Tuesday 8:45AM-1PM
- Tuesday 12:45PM-5PM
- Wednesday 8:45AM-1PM
- Wednesday 12:45PM-5PM
- Thursday 8:45AM-1PM
- Thursday 12:45PM-5PM
- Friday 8:45AM-1PM
- Friday 12:45PM-5PM

Please indicate any languages other than English you would be comfortable conducting meetings in with community members.
Ex. Translating a member's skills to create a resume, assisting a member with understanding a job application

If selected as an Advocate, which of the two New Advocate Trainings would you like to attend? *
Please note attendance at one training is required.

Are you able and willing to commit yourself to a minimum of one year?