



Allen C. Crocker Self-Advocate Internship Information & Application

Overview:

Dr. Allen Crocker's contribution to disability science and advocacy cannot be overstated. An advocate, activist and friend to people with disabilities and their families, Dr. Crocker instilled optimism in countless families and helped open society's eyes to the beauty of people with disabilities.

In this spirit and in memory of Dr. Crocker, who passed away in October 2011, the MDSC offers the Dr. Crocker Self Advocate Internship Program to adults with Down syndrome ages 22 and up. Each Crocker Intern will have the opportunity to work in our Burlington office on a project of their choosing for a period of six months.

Interns will gain valuable work experience, gain resources for community involvement, and develop leadership skills. And in doing so, they will advance the shared mission of the MDSC and Dr. Crocker, promoting the acceptance and inclusion of people with Down syndrome.

Internship Overview:

Timeline:

The first four months of the internship will focus primarily on the selected project. The final two months will serve as a transitional period during which the intern will research and make connections to continuing opportunities related to the project area. Following the transition period, responsibility of continued coordination transfers to an outside job coach that will be accountable for travel training and on-site support as needed.

Application Process:

The first step in applying to be an Allen Crocker Intern is to fill out and send in an application form. You will then be contacted for an interview to discuss project areas you are interested in. There will be a second interview with the parents, guardians, and/or resource team to discuss how best to support the self-advocate throughout their internship as well as to complete necessary forms required before the start date of the internship. The forms include a participation waiver and an emergency fact sheet. A portion of the intake interview will be devoted to discussing available funding through the Department of Developmental Services for the transition period following the interview.

Internship Activities:

Throughout the internship, the self-advocate intern will create and develop a portfolio, including a resume and personalized electronic presentation centered on their experience, involvement with events with the MDSC, and a wide variety of employment skills.

Limited funding to support the self-advocate in the internship experience is available and will be worked out in the individualized internship plan.

Examples of Crocker Intern Project Areas:

- **Legislative Advocacy**
- **Office Work (answering phones, filing, making copies, etc.)**
- **Community Outreach**
- **Public Speaking**
- **Event Assistance**
- **Social Networking/Blogging**

Or, you are more than welcome to come up with your own idea!

Eligibility:	Self-Advocate with Down syndrome ages 22 and up
Location:	MDSC Office, 20 Burlington Mall Road, Suite 261, Burlington MA and offsite locations if appropriate
Dates of Position:	To be determined based on schedules of self-advocate and MDSC supervisor
Time Commitment:	3 to 6 hours per week, depending on project with some evening and weekend hours if appropriate
Supervisor:	Kristen Tenglin, Membership Services Coordinator

Please complete the application below and send it to Kristen Tenglin at ktenglin@mdsc.org.

DATE OF APPLICATION:

NAME	PHONE (HOME)
ADDRESS	PHONE (WORK)
EMAIL ADDRESS	PHONE (CELL)
CURRENT EMPLOYER/SCHOOL	LENGTH OF EMPLOYMENT OR GRADE IN SCHOOL

DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL SKILLS? (e.g. Playing an instrument, sign language, cooking, etc.)

HOW WOULD YOU TRAVEL TO AND FROM EVENTS/MEETINGS?

OTHER HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS: NAME	AGE	GENDER	TYPE OF JOB/SCHOOL	RELATIONSHIP

Are you an MDSC member? Please describe your involvement with the MDSC.

How do you spend your free time (hobbies, interests, etc.)?

Why would you like to be an Allen C. Crocker Self-Advocate Intern?

Describe the project you would like to work on.

Describe any relevant previous experience in school, work or your community:

Please send this application to ktenglin@mdsc.org. Application can also be submitted in alternative formats. Email ktenglin@mdsc.org or call 781-221-0024 ext. 204 for more information.