



Work Study Weekly Wednesdays and Special Events

Linking Community Service and Traditional Craft

Work, Study, Accessibility – these three words capture the vision of the Work Study Program at North House Folk School. Indeed, it is exactly what it says – an opportunity to work in a program support/community service role on campus while earning credit towards taking a course in traditional craft. Work Study is part of North House scholarship and financial accessibility program.

HOW IT WORKS

Work Study Programs are structured around four basic ideas:

1. Work Study tasks and sessions align with North House's needs for peak season campus support, weekly operational needs, preparation for major events and other special projects. Accordingly, a series of Work Study sessions are offered during the busy peak programmatic season.
2. Anyone may sign up for Work Study programs. That said, Work Study is a key North House strategy for ensuring that our programs are financially accessible to everyone. Our goal is to attract participants highly interested in North House's commitment to building community, motivated to work in a community service role and interested in hands-on learning & traditional craft.
3. Program participants should be willing and physically capable of completing a wide range of physical projects. Sweeping floors, washing dishes, setting up classrooms, moving tables, cleaning bathrooms, mowing grass, watering gardens, folding letters and more. Opportunities to share stories, drink coffee/tea, eat pizza from our wood-fired oven and get to know the North House community can also be anticipated. That said, please let us know if you have special circumstances; we may be able to accommodate.
4. In exchange for hours spent working on campus participants are compensated with Work Study coupons (\$75 per 8 hours of work) that can be used towards tuition for coursework or sailing aboard the schooner *Hjordis*. Work Study coupons are good for one year, and are transferable to other people. Work Study coupons can only be applied towards tuition, not materials fees.

HOW TO APPLY

Just show up at 1:00 on Wednesday and we will get you started.

SCHEDULE

Campus set-up happens each week at 1pm, and we ask that new Work Study participants commit for a period of two months and participate in at least six (6) Wednesday sessions during that period. North House will add an extra two (2) hours of course credit as a bonus for any Work Study participant who fulfills that commitment. Other special projects will be advertised as needed (i.e. recycling runs, lawn care assignments, etc.).



COMPENSATION SPECIFICS

For each 8 hours of work, Work Study participants earn \$75 of credit towards tuition for any class. Partial days worked are pro-rated. This gift certificate can be applied towards tuition for any class or sailing on the schooner Hjordis. Work Study coupons cannot combine with other discounts (local, inter-generational, etc). Certificates are transferable to other people but cannot be used for materials fees (all Work Study students must pay the materials fee for their courses).

REQUIREMENTS

The Work Study Program is an essential piece of the puzzle during a typical week at North House. Accordingly, we ask that all participants make sure they fully understand the requirements and duties associated with the program. These include:

- Participating in outdoor, physical and messy work. Lifting and moving heavy objects.
- Arriving on time, completing assigned projects and asking for direction once tasks are completed or if unsure how to complete a project.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Occasionally, North House has special projects that work well for Work Study participants. Some examples could include indoor/outdoor painting projects, building custom chair racks, or remodeling classroom spaces. The times for these projects vary. Specific skills (such as carpentry) are sometimes needed.

REGISTERING FOR CLASSES/CANCELLATION POLICY

Work Study students need to register for their courses through the regular registration channels and need to make a deposit (either \$50, 1/3 of total tuition OR the materials fee, whichever is greater). If enough credits are earned, a deposit can be reimbursed at the time of the class. North House's cancellation policy applies to Work Study students. If NH must cancel a course, students will receive a full refund of any payments made for that course. Students who cancel their enrollment more than 21 days prior to the first day of the course will receive a refund less a \$50 cancellation fee to cover administrative costs. In recognition of the time and energy instructors invest in preparing for courses, students who cancel their enrollment 21 days or less prior to the first day of the course are not eligible for a refund.

MORE INFORMATION

Specific questions are welcome anytime. Please contact the Program Manager, Ben Byron at bbyron@northhouse.org or call 218.387.9762.