

Work Study overview

The Work Study Program at North House Folk School is an incentivised program through which folks can earn credit towards taking classes by helping out with less-glamorous but highly valued functions of the school. Work Study is part of North House scholarship and financial assistance program.

HOW IT WORKS

Work Study tasks and sessions align with North House's needs for daily campus support, weekly operations, annual events, and other special projects. In exchange for hours spent working on campus, participants are compensated with tuition credit that can be used towards coursework tuition or sailing aboard the schooner *Hjordis*.

Anyone may sign up for Work Study programs. That said, Work Study is a key strategy for ensuring 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.

Program participants should be willing and physically capable of completing a wide range of projects. Setting up classrooms, sweeping floors, washing dishes, moving tables, cleaning bathrooms, mowing lawns, watering gardens, folding letters and more! Opportunities to share stories, drink coffee, eat pizza, 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.

WORK STUDY VARIETIES

Weekly Drop-in Work Study AKA "Wednesday Work Study" is a 2-hour shift that meets on Wednesdays from 1pm to 3pm to reset campus for the weeks coming coursework. Bonus 1 hour credit to those who attend three Wednesdays of the same month. Just come down to campus at 1pm Wednesday and we'll get started!

Extended Session Work Study sessions are a week-long or more in length and go deeper into supporting the daily operations of North House. Apply online at our [Work Study page](#). Sign up for our [newsletter](#) to get updates on when applications are open.

Special Event/Project sessions are recruited through our [newsletter](#) and Volunteer List
Note: Only specific volunteer positions gain work study tuition.

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:

Requirements continued...

- 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.

COMPENSATION SPECIFICS

For each hour of work, Work Study earns an hour of tuition credit (\$9.40 per hour). Course Tuition is generally \$75 per day (÷8 hours = \$9.40). But that is not set in stone due to instructor compensation, facility resources used, and many other things. The hourly rate is the best we can do to make it fair for all participants.

Tuition Credit can cover Tuition
can Cover *Hjördis* rides
is good only for one year from the date of issue
is transferable to other people
does NOT cover materials fees
does NOT cover items in the store
can NOT be used in combination with other discounts (local, intergenerational, etc.)

Registering For Classes/Cancellation Policy

Folks looking to use Tuition Credit must register in person or by phone. Payment of the materials fee is required upon registration. Tuition Credit will be applied three weeks prior to the course; if a tuition balance remains, it is due at that time.

North House's cancellation policy applies to tuition credit. If North House 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 welcome. Please contact Program Manager, Ben Byron at bbyron@northhouse.org or call 218.387.9762.

Work Study extended session

Extended Work Study sessions are a week-long or more in length and go deeper into supporting the daily operations of North House. The colder season sessions include logging, coursework, and also a more regimented schedule with required commitment. Each session includes two work studies.

HOW IT WORKS

Selection of Candidates

North House selects candidates and assigns session dates based upon the Work Study Programs goals and structured within the need for campus support. Key amongst these are ensuring program accessibility and supporting ongoing programs. Session assignments will begin on the dates noted. Selection is solely up to the discretion of North House. North House reserves the right to make changes to the Work Study program at any time.

Lodging

Lodging will be provided during your stay. In the colder seasons, Work Study participants during their assigned sessions are housed at the [Hungry Hippy Hostel](#), 7 miles from campus. Participants will need to have reliable daily transportation to and from campus. The Hostel includes shower and cooking facilities.

In warmer seasons, Work Study participants during their assigned sessions are housed in a yurt or a complimentary tent spot in the [Grand Marais Recreation Park](#) next door to campus. There is no parking at the campsite, so anticipate your car being parked on a nearby side-street. The Recreation Park includes shower facilities.

Work Study participants are in charge of their own lodging if the provided lodging is not satisfactory. Other options include nearby forest service campgrounds, other area [lodging establishments](#), or other creative solutions.

Transportation

Getting to Grand Marais is not easy with public transportation. In the warmer seasons transportation will be needed getting to Grand Marais. In the colder seasons daily transportation will be needed getting to and from campus to participant lodging outside of town. Visit our [Plan Your Trip](#) section on our website for ideas.

Course Work

In conjunction with the tuition credit earned, coursework can be included into the participants schedule with the approval of the Program Manager. This allows participants to earn tuition credit and take a class on the same trip. North House only covers the course tuition, not the materials fee. If the participant does not take a class during the session then the tuition credit can be used at a later date but lodging will not be provided.

Bring A Friend!

Each session has two Work Studys, So if you have a friend that would like to be involved have them apply with you.

HOW TO APPLY & GENERAL SCHEDULE

Applying for the program is easy on our [website](#). Note that openings in each session are limited. While applications are welcome at any time, please note deadlines for when assignment of specific sessions will begin (any open dates after these deadlines will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis).

times subject to change as campus needs

Tuesday: 1pm — 5pm (1st day)

Wednesday: 8am — 5pm

Thursday: 8am — 5pm

Friday: 7am — 9am,
(in class 9am — 5pm)

Saturday: 7am — 9am
(in class 9am — 5pm)
5am — 8pm POTLUCK!

Sunday: 7am — 9am
(in class 9am — 5pm)

Monday: 8am — Noon

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