

# Stephen E. Garner Summers of Service 2022

## Village at Ithaca – Youth Advocate Intern



United Way  
of Tompkins County

### Purpose of Position:

Our Summer of Service Village Youth Advocate will serve as a leader in our Youth Employment Program, supporting a cohort of youth employees in their summer experience working on a variety of social justice, advocacy, and community building projects. The position can be tailored to the particular advocacy interests and experiences of the young person holding the position. For example, one of our SOS interns last year took a leadership role (which has continued to this day!) in advocacy work around youth homelessness in our community. Our summer social justice projects include art collaborations with Ithaca Murals and other local artists, food justice projects with Healthy Food for All, and many other opportunities.

### Site address/location of the position:

401 West Seneca Street - Ithaca NY 14850

Special Instructions: Will need access to reliable transportation.

### Required responsibilities/tasks of this position:

- Work with Village adult staff and other youth employees in planning and engaging in our summer youth program activities.
- Support logistical/clerical tasks around the office
- Develop peer mentoring relationships with other youth employees in order to strengthen our community of youth workers as a whole.
- May be asked to help document our summer experience through photography, social media and web design.

### Skills necessary for this position:

- Basic computer skills
- Excellent verbal communication skills

Age requirement for this position in order to be compliant to state guidelines: No

### Leadership opportunities or decision-making expectations for the position:

- Engage in advocacy projects that result in taking real action in our local community.
- Work with local stakeholders in community agencies and school districts in order to present concerns and solutions to various ongoing equity issues in our systems.

### Other employment or life skills this internship will help the intern develop:

- Community organizing and/or nonprofit work
- Draw on lived experience and the lived experience of peers to gain advocacy skills and design projects that accomplish social justice aims

Certifications obtained as part of the internship experience: No

### Start and end dates of the internship:

We can be flexible with schedule depending on the needs of the intern.

Schedule for this role (days/hours):

Ideally, SOS interns will work 20-25 hours per week for approximately 6 weeks. Hours will be primarily Monday-Friday but may occasionally flex for weekend availability.

“Must-be-available” dates and any flexibility available: We are having a 20th anniversary celebration on August 6th that we would like SOS interns to support organizing, and so it would be ideal if the intern were available that day. Other than that, we are flexible.

Other information about a good match for the internship:

We had an incredible experience last year with our SOS interns -- We are hoping to continue this success this summer and look forward to the opportunity!