



The Alaska Center Education Fund

Job Title: Climate & Racial Justice Youth Project Coordinator

Dates: January-May, 10-20 hours per week

Location: Remote

Status: Non-exempt

Program Description: Alaska Youth for Environmental Action (AYEA) is a program of the Alaska Center Education Fund that inspires a diverse movement of rural and urban youth leaders to impact environmental and social justice issues across the state. AYEAs provides leadership skills training and supports youth-led community action projects and campaigns. AYEAs is committed to a youth-led model, in which teens choose the issues to work on, and are the leaders in AYEAs campaigns and projects. Adult mentors and staff provide essential support to help teens learn the skills they need to successfully reach their project goals. AYEAs has several chapters around the state including in Anchorage, Unalaska, Homer, and Wasilla.

Project Description: Each year, AYEAs youth organizers select a statewide project to work on that addresses a critical and timely environmental or social justice issue. Youth leaders investigate the topic and design a project to raise awareness among their peers and our broader communities. The project traditionally culminates with a statewide summit where teens bring the issue to decision-makers and advocate for action. This year, teens have decided to address the issues of racial justice and climate justice education.

AYEAs youth want students around the state to have a better understanding of climate justice, racial justice, and true histories in Alaska. They would like to survey youth from across the state to find out what they are already learning, how they feel about it, and what they would prefer. They will either develop their own instrument or partner with existing statewide research tools. Simultaneously, chapters will be focused locally on what their own districts are doing and how to influence change locally through either teachers or school boards.

The data from the students as well as other research into why knowing about these topics is important will be used to influence state leaders, like the Department of Education and the Association of Alaska School Boards, and other decision-makers. Given COVID-19, the culminating spring event will be a virtual gathering or summit of teens to further address these issues and engage education decision-makers, teachers, and community partners.

Position Description: The Racial Justice and Climate Justice Youth Project Coordinator will work closely with the AYEAs Program Coordinator to plan and support the implementation of AYEAs racial justice and climate justice statewide campaign in winter and spring 2021. There is a possibility for this position to grow into continued employment at The Alaska Center Education Fund.



The ideal start date is January 20 and consists of 10-20 flexible hours per week of work through the duration of the spring semester, wrapping up by May 31. Start and end dates are flexible.

Compensation \$3,500 - \$5,000 depending on experience and availability.

Deliverables:

Survey Logistics Support and Coordination:

- Assist students with survey design or collaboration with existing surveys
- Help research curriculum development processes statewide
- Assist with outreach activities, such as contacting teachers and superintendents, to recruit survey participation
- Assist with data analysis and presentation, potentially including website creation, social media outreach, “white paper” creation
- Support student presentations to school boards, AASG (student governments)

Curriculum research:

- Research climate justice curriculum taught in Alaska and elsewhere to provide examples for AYEА youth, teachers, and school boards
- Research Alaska history curriculum, Indigenous values curriculum taught in Alaska and elsewhere to provide examples to AYEА youth, teachers, and school boards

Outreach and Event Coordination:

- Connect with youth chapter leaders to support them in staying on task with their commitments, encouraging them to engage
- Engage community partners and resources in supporting the project and spreading the word
- Work with the AYEА Program Coordinator, adult mentors, and teen leaders to coordinate virtual spring summit during which students can dig deeper into racial justice and climate justice issues and engage decision-makers about curriculum
- Help with project logistics, like mailing packages or assembling other materials when necessary
- Other duties as assigned

To Apply: Please send your resume and a cover letter describing your interest in this position to anne@akcenter.org. Questions are welcome. First review of applications will be January 10, 2021. Position open until filled.