

South Metro Water Supply Authority (SMWSA)

Water Ambassador Program Educator Job Description

The South Metro Water Supply Authority (SMWSA) is seeking a program Educator to teach students within our region about Colorado water issues, specifically in the South Metro region.

Program Description

The Water Ambassador Program is an innovative water education program. The goal of the program is to teach a generation that water is precious, we must each do our part to use it wisely, and we should support solutions for the future.

Through the program, motivated high school students become Water Ambassadors and ultimately impart what they've learned to elementary students. "Educators," contracted by the program, train high school students to be Ambassadors. Once a high school student becomes an Ambassador, they lead elementary students in a series of activities including assemblies, classroom presentations, and hands-on water-specific exercises. Since it started in 2009, the program has educated over 26,000 students and their families in the South Metro region.

Educator Responsibilities

The primary responsibility of the Water Ambassador Educator will be:

- Attending training sessions to learn program materials and methodologies. This includes, but is not limited to, one eight-hour session that will provide a general training and program overview at the beginning of each school year.
- Training high school Water Ambassadors within assigned high schools in 3 training sessions of approximately two hours each.
- Being available for additional communication and support for high school Ambassadors as needed in person or via telephone, email, or other electronic communication.
- Providing oversight and support to students during the entire duration of all assigned assembly and classroom presentations at assigned elementary schools within the feeder area of the high schools. This includes transportation of high school Ambassadors as needed.
- Participating in debrief sessions throughout the school year, as directed by the Program Coordinator.

The successful candidate will possess the following skills and experience:

- Possess strong communication skills to successfully interact with district teachers and ensure strong student participation. Relationships or experience with schools in Douglas County and Cherry Creek School districts will be helpful but is not required.
- Be enthusiastic, compassionate, and enjoy working with children of all ages.
- Be capable of developing and maintaining strong working relationships with school personnel including administrative assistants, teachers, and principals.
- Be flexible, adaptable, and creative in working with schools and accommodating teacher and administrators' schedules. Most elementary school visits are during the afternoons; most high school training sessions are in the afternoon to early evening.
- Possess strong organization and time management skills.
- Possess safe and reliable transportation that may be used to transport high school Water Ambassadors to elementary school visits.

- A background in education or training, as well as a basic understanding of Colorado water issues, will be helpful but is not required.
- Experience working with or educating children is a plus.
- An educational background in environmental science, education, water resource management, water conservation or related fields is a plus.

Compensation

Compensation is based on the number and type of schools visited during a semester. Typically, this rate will average out to approximately \$35 per hour.

Application

To apply, please send a resume and cover letter articulating your skills, experience, and/ or academic background to: Ellen Olson, Water Ambassadors Program Coordinator, at WaterAmbassadors@southmetrowater.org.