



## **VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION:**

### **Earn-a-Bike Assistant**

#### **About Open Roads Bike Program**

Our mission: Engage and empower youth through bicycles to learn practical life skills for their future. Open Roads Bike Program embraces and values the diversity of Kalamazoo and the world around us. We are people of all ages, from all walks of life, working together to use bicycles as a vehicle for skill development and community engagement. We encourage people of all abilities, ages, economic statuses, faiths, ideologies, genders, gender identities, ethnic origins, nationalities, races, and sexual orientations to be a part of the Open Roads Bike Program community.

#### **Volunteer Position Description**

Open Roads Bike Program hosts several seasonal, six-week [Earn-a-Bike](#) programs where students ages 10-15 meet once per week for two hours to gain both social and bike mechanic skills as they gradually learn to build up a bicycle. The Earn-a-Bike Assistant will meet at the weekly class and provide assistance where needed. Duties include working one-on-one with students to help them with their bike repairs and guiding them as they develop and advance their social skills. Most Earn-a-Bike programs occur on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30pm at our workshop in Kalamazoo (1523 Riverview Dr.).

#### **Requirements**

- Attend at least five of six weekly Earn-a-Bike sessions
- Pass a criminal background and reference check
- Possess basic bike mechanic skills
- Experience using tools
- Ability to coach and mentor youth ages 10-15
- Interest in furthering the mission of Open Roads Bike Program through our Earn-a-Bike program
- Commitment to embracing and understanding diversity, inclusion and equity in thoughts, words, and practice

#### **How to Apply**

- Complete the online form [here](#)