



Part-Time Mentor/Driver

Students Run Philly Style (SRPS) is a 501(c)3 with a mission to transform lives through mentorship and long-distance running. Since 2004, Students Run Philly Style has supported youth in 6th - 12th grade as they train with mentors to meet an often unimaginable challenge: running a long-distance race.

MileUp is a SRPS program in partnership with the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office (PDAO). The first Youth Diversion program of its kind, MileUp gives young people facing delinquency charges a chance to remain outside of the traditional court system, and holds youth accountable while giving them a chance to build a healthy future. The goals of MileUp are to:

- Help youth build skills to overcome adversity and manage stress through exercise on the way to positive achievement across all aspects of their lives
- Provide a strengths-based option to increase positive outcomes in youth diverted away from juvenile system involvement
- Build in restitution support to reduce potential debt and continued system involvement
- Provide youth with long-term sustainable support
- Increase family/guardian engagement for youth enrolled in the program to address the protective role of families in supporting youth in the juvenile justice system.

MileUp is designed to run in 2 cohorts (Spring and Fall) per year, with the goal to complete either the Broad Street Run or the Philadelphia Half Marathon with support from Youth Advocates, volunteer mentors, peer mentors, and mentors/drivers. Students have the opportunity to earn shoes, team shirts, and other gear as they reach milestones throughout the season, and those who successfully complete the season may have their ***restitution fees paid, charges dropped, and records expunged.***

Position Description:

The Mentor/Driver is essential to the success of the MileUp program and will transport youth to and from the program site(s) in the Philadelphia area in their personal vehicle on Tuesday/Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. The Mentor/Driver is encouraged to participate in running practices with students, however, ***prior running experience is not needed!***

The Mentor/Driver works together with a team of Youth Advocates who provide ongoing case management to youth, and discusses any student concerns or needs for additional support with youth advocates. The program season runs from August to November, and the Mentor/Driver is expected to commit to the full season.

Duties Include:

- Transport 2-3 students to the program site 3 times per week in ***your personal vehicle*** - the team primarily meets at [Lemon Hill](#). Occasionally there may be alternative practice locations within Philadelphia (Tuesdays/Thursdays at 5:30pm; Saturdays at 9am)
- Communicate with students prior to each practice to confirm attendance
- Participate in practice set-up/warm-up activities, and support students during programming
- Run alongside students during practice;



- Complete all program milestone races with students;
- Establish positive mentoring relationships with students;
- Develop and maintain positive working relationships with Students Run Philly Style staff, Youth Advocates, and volunteer mentors
- *Optional:* Attend a weekly planning meeting [via Zoom] on Mondays at 5pm.

Position Requirements:

- Must be at least 21 years of age
- Must have own vehicle, current driver's license, and valid car insurance
- Must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by the start of the program season (at least 2 weeks post *third* Pfizer/Moderna vaccine *or* single Johnson & Johnson vaccine *and* Pfizer/Moderna booster)
- Must be available Tuesdays/Thursdays 4:30pm - 8:00pm and Saturdays 8:00am-11:00am
- Must be available for all races
 - **Sunday, September 18th:** Philadelphia Distance Run
 - **Saturday, October 29th:** All-City 10-miler
 - **Saturday, November 19th:** Philadelphia Half Marathon
- Must obtain the following clearances:
 - Driving Record
 - FBI Clearance
 - State Criminal Background Check
 - Child Abuse Clearance
- Must be professional, timely, and possess excellent communication skills
- Proficiency in computer applications such as spreadsheets, word processing, calendar, e-mail and database software in performing work assignments
- Ability to communicate sufficiently to perform the essential duties of the position; good judgment; maturity; initiative; tact; courtesy;
- Knowledge, understanding, and experience working with at-risk youth and trauma-informed practices *preferred*
- Attend Students Run Philly Style Leader Training - exact date TBD

Position Type:

- Part-Time (10-15 hours weekly)
- Pay: \$20/hr
- All mileage is reimbursed at the current federal rate (\$0.58 per miles)

Response to COVID-19

The safety of Students Run Philly Style students and running leaders is our main priority. We are constantly monitoring the guidelines set by the City of Philadelphia, the School District, and the CDC, and our program will reflect these and change accordingly.

For more information about the MileUp Program: <https://studentsrunphilly.org/mile-up/>

To apply: Please send your resume and cover letter to Mariana Folco at: mfolco@studentsrunphilly.org