



## Part-Time Youth Advocate

Students Run Philly Style 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 Youth Advocate is essential to the success of the MileUp program and will provide ongoing case management to youth, support youth through mentoring in a group setting, lead training/running practices with youth in preparation for milestone races, conducting family intakes and exit interviews, write progress notes, and checking in with parents/guardians regularly regarding students' progress. The Youth Advocate is expected to participate in running practices/races and run alongside youth, however, ***prior running experience is not needed!***

The Youth Advocate works together with a team of Youth Advocates and Youth Mentor/Drivers, with support from the SRPS Program Manager of Justice Initiatives. The program season runs from February to May, and the Youth Advocate is expected to commit to the full season.

### Duties Include:

- Transporting 2-3 students to the program site 3 times per week in ***your personal vehicle*** - the team primarily meets at [Lemon Hill](#) or [Lloyd Hall](#). Occasionally there may be alternative practice locations within Philadelphia (Tuesdays/Thursdays at 5:30pm; Saturdays at 9am)
- Establishing positive mentoring relationships with program youth aged 11-17
- Following established training plan and running alongside youth, 3 times per week
- Leading practice activities alongside other running leaders (including a warm-up/cool-down, planning running routes, teambuilding and reflection activities)



- Conducting students intakes, exit interviews, and regular check-ins with parents/guardians
- Communicating with and identifying needs of program youth
- Developing and maintaining positive working relationships with Students Run Philly Style staff, volunteer mentors, and staff from Philadelphia Office of District Attorney's office
- Working alongside Students Run Philly Style staff and Philadelphia Office of the District Attorney to ensure youth success and compliance with program
- Meeting on a routine basis (weekly) with Program Staff to discuss general or specific youth progress and concerns, assessing resources for referral, if necessary
- Keeping track of daily mileage and weekly case notes for each student
- Participating in the program milestone races with youth

#### **Position Requirements:**

- Experience working with at-risk youth and understanding of trauma-informed practices
- Must be at least 21 years of age
- Must have vehicle with up-to-date registration, current driver's license, and valid car insurance
- Must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by the start of the program season
- Must be available Tuesdays/Thursdays 4:00pm - 8:00pm and Saturdays 8:00am-11:00am
- Must be available for all races/events:
  - **Saturday, April 5th:** Rutgers APIL 5k (3.1 miles)
  - **Sunday, May 4th:** Broad Street Run (10 miles)
  - **Sunday, May 18th:** Bar Association 5k (3.1 miles)
- 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
- Ability to communicate sufficiently to perform the essential duties of the position, good judgment, maturity, initiative, tact, courtesy
- Completion of Students Run Philly Style and Office of District Attorney's Program Trainings
- Proficiency in computer applications such as spreadsheets, word processing, calendar, e-mail and database software in performing work assignments
- Knowledge, understanding, and experience working with at-risk youth and trauma-informed practices *preferred*
- Physical condition commensurate with the duties of the position

#### **Position Type:**

- Part-Time (10-15 hours weekly)
- Pay: \$25.75/hr
- All mileage is reimbursed at the current federal rate (\$0.67 per mile)

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

**To apply:** Please send your resume to Kailyn Schneider at [kschneider@studentsrunphilly.org](mailto:kschneider@studentsrunphilly.org) by Friday, January 17th. *Because we believe in centering BIPOC, LGBTQ+, and other marginalized people in the work that we do, individuals from these communities are highly encouraged to apply.*