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Youth Apprenticeships at SewGreen

Hi! Thanks for your interest in SewGreen's **Apprenticeship Program**, for youth 14 to 19. The apprenticeship is free, in return for a few hours of volunteer or community service. All supplies and equipment are provided. Here are some details to help you decide if you want to join us as an apprentice.

SKILL SETS

Apprentices progress through a series of **Skill Sets** that include these and more:

Basic Sewing (R)	Pattern Making & Draping (E)	
Sewing Machine Proficiency (R)	Fashion Sewing Skills (E)	
Intermediate Sewing (R)	Fashion Drawing (E)	R = Required
Teaching Basic Sewing to Others (E)	Sewing Machine Repair (E)	E = Elective

If you already have experience in some of these skills, you may progress more quickly than beginners, but all apprentices must be able to demonstrate what they've learned. All types of learning styles are accommodated, and skill sets may be completed on your timetable. The program also includes many opportunities to explore your own talents, interests, and creativity.

TIME COMMITMENT

The minimum time commitment is 1.5 hours a week during the school semester, plus 1 hour of volunteer or community service for every 6 hours of time spent at the apprenticeship sessions. The time you pay back can be used for things like helping to tidy up the classroom, sew projects for charity, help plan a SewGreen event, or help us prepare for a class. There are a lot of ways to help, and we always work as a team.

WORKPLACE TRAINING

The apprenticeship program includes training in workplace skills, such as being on time, using a time sheet, following directions, taking initiative, teamwork, and becoming a leader. Optional training to become a paid classroom assistant is available, and apprentices may apply for after-school jobs at SewGreen.

DIVERSITY

SewGreen is an inclusive gathering place where it is easy to make new friends. Everyone is welcome, and differences are valued and celebrated. We will make ADA accommodations, if needed.

SCHOOL CREDIT OR JOB PLACEMENT

You may be able to combine your apprenticeship with a for-credit program at your school, or job placement through a youth employment service such as JobLink or the YES program at the Ithaca Youth Bureau. While establishing these connections is up to you, SewGreen will assist you as much as possible.

CONDITIONS

Before you apply, please make sure you can meet all of these conditions:

- If you are 17 or under, you must have parental/custodial permission to be in the program.
- You must arrange for your own transportation to and from SewGreen.
- You must be able to attend at least one apprenticeship session a week.

PROGRAM DATES AND TIMES

Regular apprenticeship hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 4 to 5:30 pm, during the public school semester. Apprentices may come to one or both sessions. Additional times may be arranged on an individual basis.

Please contact me to set up an interview, or for more information. Being at SewGreen is always fun! I Hope you join us.

Best regards,

Wendy

Wendy Skinner

ATTACHED:
Apprenticeship Application Form

SewGreen Youth Apprenticeship Application

Please fill out all the sections and bring this form to your interview.

YOUR NAME _____ AGE _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER(S): _____

SCHOOL _____

1. WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A SEWGREEN APPRENTICE?

2. HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR SEWING EXPERIENCE? CIRCLE ONE.

I am a complete beginner. I have done a little sewing. I can sew pretty well.

3. WHAT WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO LEARN OR DO AT SEWGREEN?

4. HAVE YOU HELD A JOB, LED ACTIVITIES, BEEN A TEAM LEADER, CLUB OFFICER, OR HAD SOME SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY AT HOME, SCHOOL, CHURCH, ETC? PLEASE LIST.

5. ADULT REFERENCE (This is someone—not a relative—who knows you well.)

NAME _____

WORKPLACE OR RESIDENCE: _____

BEST WAY TO CONTACT (phone or email) _____

RELATIONSHIP TO YOU _____

6. PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER(S): _____

RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT _____

I give my permission for applicant to be in the apprenticeship program. (For age 17 or under.)

SIGNATURE _____