

Homework Help for Teens

Location

The Homework Help for Teens program takes place at the following Toronto Public Library branches:

Fairview	Parkdale
35 Fairview Mall Dr.	1303 Queen St. W.
M2J 4S4	M6K 1L6
416-396-8601	416-394-5012

Summary Statement

Toronto Public Library encourages and fosters an interest in knowledge and learning. Homework Help for Teens volunteers help students (Gr. 7-12) with homework and make it a fun and rewarding experience. The common school subjects covered are Math, Science and English.

Responsibilities

- ◆ Be present during program day and time throughout the school year for one hour (or more) per week
- ◆ Assist students with their homework
- ◆ Respect the student and provide positive encouragement
- ◆ Work with other volunteers and library staff to run Homework Help for Teens sessions

Qualifications

- ◆ Fluent and well-versed in written and spoken English
- ◆ Graduation from high school preferred but not mandatory
- ◆ Able to help with homework from the Grade 7 to 12 levels and for most school subjects
- ◆ Knowledge of elementary and high school Math and Science is an asset
- ◆ Able to relate well to youth and enjoy helping them
- ◆ Able to work in a co-operative, team environment
- ◆ Able to communicate in a language(s) other than English is an asset

Placements are subject to the return of a satisfactory Police Reference Check (arranged and paid by the Toronto Public Library for Toronto residents).

Orientation and Training

Training, provided by Library staff, covers:

- ◆ Tutoring techniques
- ◆ Problem solving
- ◆ Creating a positive attitude to learning and reading
- ◆ Program structure and procedures

A separate on-site orientation, provided by Library staff, covers:

- ◆ Local program procedures
- ◆ Local library and program resources

Printed materials, outlining program procedures, are also provided.

Time and Place

Volunteers attend sessions once per week for a minimum of one hour. They participate at a regularly scheduled time between 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Fairview sessions take place on Tuesdays and Parkdale sessions run on Wednesdays.

Commitment

- ◆ The duration of the high school year (beginning of September through June)
- ◆ A regularly scheduled commitment of one hour (or more) per week
- ◆ Applications may be accepted at any time

Onsite Supervision

Library staff members provide assistance and on-site supervision during the program. They are also available for consultation at other times by appointment.