



American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon Foundation

"Know Your Rights" Outreach Volunteer

STUDENT VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION

Founded in 1955, the ACLU of Oregon's mission is to preserve and protect the individual civil liberties and civil rights of Oregonians. We believe that the freedoms of press, speech, assembly, and religion, and the rights to due process, equal protection and privacy, are fundamental to a free people. We advance civil liberties and civil rights by activities that include litigation, education, and lobbying.

Know Your Rights Program overview

Police officers have a unique role and position within our society. Law enforcement agencies are given extraordinary powers, yet police conduct continues to be a major concern. Our Know Your Rights program seeks to inform the community about their 4th and 5th amendment rights when encountering law enforcement. The ACLU of Oregon is currently seeking presenters for this program.

Volunteer Role

Know Your Rights outreach volunteers help us to spread the word to community groups and schools about our informative presentations, work with the ACLU office to schedule with groups, and work in teams to give presentations.

It is expected that each volunteer will participate in the 4-hour orientation and will devote approximately 4 hrs/month for at least 4 months to setting up and giving presentations in the community.

Qualifications

This position is open to anyone age 15 and older. Volunteers should have excellent public speaking and interpersonal skills, a sense of humor, and an interest in civil liberties issues.

Interested?

Know Your Rights student volunteer applications are due September 30, 2014, for the 2014-2015 school year. Volunteer trainings will be held mid-October 2014. If you are interested in becoming a Know Your Rights Outreach student volunteer, please do one of the options below:

Create a video in which you give 1) your name, 2) what civil liberties issues interest you, 3) why you want to volunteer with the ACLU of Oregon in our Know Your Rights campaign, 4) any experience you may have in giving presentations or public speaking, and 5) any personal anecdotes of relevant law enforcement encounters. The video should be creative and original, and should last no longer than 4 minutes. Please email it in .MOV, .AVI, or .MP4 format to aclu.video@gmail.com.

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Email a letter of interest, describing 1) what civil liberties issues interest you, 2) why you want to volunteer with the ACLU of Oregon in our Know Your Rights campaign, 3) any experience you may have in giving presentations or public speaking, and 4) any personal anecdotes of relevant law enforcement encounters. Please proofread and edit your letter for errors in grammar and punctuation, and email it in PDF format to Sarah Armstrong, sarmstrong@aclu-or.org.