



Dear Prospective Youth Volunteer,

Thank you for your interest in the Mary A. Kelly Youth Volunteer Program at St. Joseph's/ Candler. The 2026 Youth Volunteer Program will run 6 weeks from June 15, 2026 until July 24, 2026. Our expectation is that you are present all 6 weeks, but you must be able to participate in at least 5 of the 6 weeks. If you cannot commit to 5 weeks, please do not apply.

Our program will be accepting students at Candler Hospital on Reynolds Street and at St. Joseph's Hospital on Mercy Boulevard. Our program is set up so that you will be working in the same area each week at the same time. For example, if you are scheduled in the Emergency Department on Tuesdays from 9am until 12:30pm – that is where you will be for the entire program. You can volunteer multiple days and/or shifts if you would like to experience several areas. 2026 volunteer areas will be determined later in the year and will be announced at the Volunteer Orientation in May.

Youth volunteers are required to be at least 14 years old by June 1, 2026 and at least entering the 9th grade in the Fall of 2026 with a minimum grade point average of 80.

Following this letter is an application, a form for your school to complete, and a reference form. Completed application packets will include all the below:

- 1) application,
- 2) applicant's hand-written answers to questions on the bottom of page 1 of the application (use of any GPT editor will disqualify applicant),
- 3) recommendation letter (can be separate letter or they can utilize our form),
- 4) school recommendation form (should be filled out by teacher or counselor), &
- 5) copy of shot records.

Complete packets must be received by Friday, March 27, 2026 at 4PM. There will be no exceptions made. Packets can be dropped off in either hospital gift shop Monday – Friday, 10AM until 4PM. **Please complete application utilizing a pdf editor or legibly printed in ink. Keep in mind that ALL parts of the application packet are judged by neatness, qualifications, answers to questions, future plans, and availability.** The volunteer committee will meet the first week of April to score applications and applicants will be notified the week of April 13th.

For accepted program participants, there will be a mandatory Orientation session held on May 11, 2026. If you have any questions, please email Holly Weiss at weissh@sjchs.org or call the Volunteer office at (912) 819-6186.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads "Holly M. Weiss".

Holly M. Weiss, CDVS
Director, Volunteer Services