Job Title: Chicago’s SAFE (Streets Are For Everybody) Ambassador

Employment status: Part-time, Non-exempt, Seasonal

Compensation: Hourly, $17.50

Hours: Up to 24 hours/week, typically scheduled Thursday – Sunday

Start Date: Mid-May

End Date: Mid-September

About
MUSE Community + Design is seeking outgoing, well-organized, and committed advocates for transportation safety education and social equity to join the team as a SAFE (Streets Are For Everybody) Ambassador for 16 weeks from mid-May to mid-September.

As a SAFE (Streets Are For Everybody) Ambassador, you will represent the Chicago Department of Transportation at events throughout Chicago, to support and promote Vision Zero Chicago initiatives. The goal of Vision Zero is to eliminate deaths and serious injuries from traffic crashes by 2026. To learn more about Vision Zero, click here.

Chicago’s SAFE (Streets Are For Everybody) Ambassadors work individually and/or as a team to deliver traffic safety expertise through face-to-face presentations and demonstrations in public spaces, at community events, schools, senior facilities, and day camps.

This is a seasonal position, offering 24 hours per week. The outreach and engagement season runs from mid-May to mid-September

Responsibilities:
• Represent the City of Chicago Department of Transportation and Vision Zero at assigned events and locations.
• Participate as a member of the Chicago’s SAFE Ambassadors team in making events successful by effectively disseminating information and encouraging safe behaviors.
• Visit schools, senior living facilities, community events in Chicago to educate students and residents of all ages about the importance of traffic safety and sharing the road for everybody.
• Teach children, youth, and adults on how to safely ride a bike.
• Lead group bike rides in neighborhoods across the city.
• Work with the Chicago Police Department to execute education mission pop-ups across the city to encourage safe behaviors through one-on-one conversations, and educational material.
• Accurately input information in the required format at the conclusion of every event.

**Required Skills and Experience:**

- 18 years of age or older
- Must live in the City of Chicago
- Must be willing to travel to sites throughout the City of Chicago
- Comfortable working in a fast-paced environment, bending, stooping, standing long hours, and lifting up to 40 lbs.
- Communicate effectively with people of all ages, abilities, cultural groups, economic statuses, sexual orientation, and disabilities.
- Comfortable speaking with strangers and in public.
- Familiarity with the City of Chicago, its neighborhoods and public transit system.
- Ability to use public transportation to get to and from events.
- Comfortable working in any neighborhood in the City of Chicago.
- Outgoing and energetic.
- Works well in a team and fosters a team spirit.
- Prompt, punctual, and professional.
- Ability to work outdoors all day (when needed) and in any weather.
- Works well individually in an unstructured and informal environment, with limited supervision.
● Good at solving problems, thinking creatively, and self-motivation.
● Proficient with Microsoft Office applications.
● Successful completion of a bicycling road test.
● Ability to take direction and to learn basic facts about the Chicago Department of Transportation and Vision Zero.
● Comfortable biking 10+ miles to, from and during community events, if needed.
● Willingness and ability to work off hours and/or weekends.
● Other duties as assigned.

Preferred skills and experiences:
● Fluent in English. Fluency in other languages such as Spanish, Polish and Mandarin highly preferred.
● Experience working or volunteering in a community engagement role.
● Experience teaching, children, youth or adults.
● Experience working with or supervising teenagers.

Requirements:
● Successful completion of a paid five-day training course that covers bicycle handling, all forms of traffic safety, media relations, cultural sensitivity and conflict resolution.
● Candidates must pass a Chicago Public School’s background check in order to be eligible for the Ambassador position.

This is a drug-free workplace and we are proud to be an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. We strongly encourage applications from women and people of color to apply.

SAFE (Streets Are For Everybody) Ambassadors are not employees of the City of Chicago. Ambassadors are employed and managed by MUSE Community + Design.

Interested applicants should send cover letter and resume by April 1st to:

Shameka Turner at Sturner@samschwartz.com. No calls please.