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Spend your summer as a member of the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly communications team! This position offers an opportunity to get real-world experience performing a variety of tasks related to the fields of photography and communication. Primary tasks will include photo and video coverage of summer conferences and events, interviews with program participants and creation of social media content.

As a YMCA conference center, Blue Ridge hosts a variety of groups that participate in a wide range of activities – school groups, teen leadership conferences, church retreats, sports camps, professional seminars and more. This role allows for a multifaceted, portfolio-building experience in photography and written storytelling.

Located in the heart of the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains of Western North Carolina in Black Mountain on a picturesque 1,200-acre campus, YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly is a non-profit leadership training center. Having hosted our first conference over 100 years ago, we continue to serve a diverse array of groups. As a hospitality-focused YMCA, we are committed to delivering exceptional experiences for our 30,000 annual guests while developing a team of value-driven leaders.

QUALIFICATIONS, SKILLS AND PERSONAL APTITUDES

- Currently enrolled in a degree program in Marketing, Communications, or related field.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Experience with photography and cameras.
- Familiarity with social media platforms and content management systems.
- Ability to work a shift schedule including evenings and weekends.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist with documenting conferences and events through photography/videography, conducting interviews and producing written content highlighting impactful stories.
- Collaborate with the communications team to create content for social media and email communications.
- Other duties as assigned by the communications/advancement teams.

COMPENSATION

This position includes the following compensation and amenities:

- Hourly pay at \$12.00 - \$13.00 per hour.
- Free on-campus room and board in double-occupancy dormitory-style staff housing, including utilities, Wi-Fi and a fully equipped kitchen and dining room.
- Free breakfast, lunch and dinner in our dining facilities whenever conference groups are being served.
- Opportunities to engage in exciting summer staff activities/trips.
- Potential for college credit, subject to university guidelines and requirements.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested candidates should submit a resume along with a portfolio (if available) via email to the Communications Director, Molly D'Avria at mdavria@yblueridge.org. Portfolio may include photographs, writing samples, social media posts, artwork, videography or any other items relevant to the skills and requirements of the position.

The term for this position will begin in May 2026 (arrival date flexible) and end in August with an option to continue into the fall.