



JOB POSTING FOR YOUTH DIRECTOR \ YOUTH IMAM

Date: October 2024

Position: Youth Director \ Youth Imam



The Mecca Center invites passionate and qualified candidates to apply for the integral position of Youth Director and Youth Imam.

The Mecca Center is a large, diverse and inclusive Islamic center located in Willowbrook, Illinois, serving the Muslim community of the Southwest and Western Suburbs of Chicago. The Mecca Center was founded on a comprehensive and inclusive understanding of Islam based on the noble principles outlined in the Quran and exemplified in the Sunnah. The Center's programs, activities and services are designed to develop the spirit, mind and a sense of civic responsibility in our community's members.

We believe in fostering an exemplary community that thrives on unity, diversity, and spiritual growth. As the Youth Director and Assistant Imam, you will play a pivotal role in advancing our mission and contributing to the strategic direction of the Center.

Leading Youth Programs and Fostering a New Generation of Leaders

The principal focus of this position is to serve as the Youth Director of The Mecca Center. The Youth Director is responsible for providing religious, educational, and spiritual guidance and services for the youth through mentorship, program development and implementation, and organizational leadership. Under the supervision of the Youth Committee Chair, the Youth Director will work closely with the youth committee, youth program coordinators, and other staff and volunteers to effectively facilitate the Center's youth program (the "Mecca MVMT").

Objectives:

- Scope – Mecca MVMT is comprised of Youth and Young Professionals 12-30 Years old
- To help youth initiate and develop their ideas, projects, programs, and activities
- Provide a safe environment of acceptance and capture youth wherever they are in their spiritual journey
- Ensure our youth feel heard, welcomed, and empowered as future leaders
- Nurture a core team of strategic thought leaders to help drive long-term vision
- Collaborate with local organizations (religious or civic) to expand the reach of the Mecca MVMT

Responsibilities:

- Develop and implement an annual strategic and action plan for youth programming
- Maintain and strengthen the Mecca MVMT infrastructure by scheduling team monthly meetings, mentoring session with teams, and working with the MVMT Advisory Committee
- Proactive supervision of youth programs and volunteers
- Mentor and facilitate the spiritual growth of MVMT team leads, volunteers and participants
- Develop curriculum for weekly youth programs
- Host weekly office hours
- Provide counseling and guidance to address the unique challenges faced by youth today
- Facilitate and implement youth retreats/camps
- Oversee social media and marketing of youth programs with the Communication Committee
- Perform such other religious and spiritual services as needed, such as leading the janaza prayer, visiting the sick and elderly, counseling families, youth, couples and those in grief; etc., all in coordination with the Imams at TMC and the Religious Affairs Committee

Qualifications:

- Minimum 1-2 years of experience as a youth director, Imam or similar religious leadership mentoring experience
- Bachelor's degree with a major in preferably Islamic Sciences, Sociology, Psychology, or Islamic History.
- Must have strong knowledge and understanding of the Qur'an and the Sunnah, and a good understanding of Islamic history and important Islamic personalities.
- Experience working within diverse American Muslim communities
- Raised in America, Canada, Australia, or the UK, with a deep understanding of the cultural context and challenges faced by Muslim youth in western society.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills, with the ability to connect with youth on a personal level.
- Must be legally eligible to work in the United States

Compensation and Benefits:

- Competitive base salary of a minimum of \$60,000 and upwards commensurate with experience and qualifications
- Generous Ramadan and end-of-year performance-based bonuses
- Health insurance
- Moving expenses covered

If interested, please submit your CV, along with a cover letter imamsearch@meccacenter.org.