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OPPORTUNITY WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Nassau County Department of Health is seeking students, 16 or 17 years of age, to assist the department in its **Adolescent Tobacco Use Prevention Act (ATUPA)**. The program's purpose is to verify that tobacco retailers are complying with laws regulating the sale of tobacco products to minors. The student's role will be to accompany a Health Department inspector to a tobacco retail establishment in an attempt to purchase cigarettes. Normally, the teams operate after school hours or during normal school vacation periods.

The minors we are seeking are 16 or 17, need to be Nassau County residents, and must have consent from their parent or guardian. There are two options available to the minor. They can volunteer for the program for community service and will get a letter of commendation from the Commissioner of Health upon completion of their volunteer service. Alternatively, the minor can opt to do this for pay. It is important, however, to inform anyone considering the paid option that the work does not involve a large number of regular hours, and thus should not be viewed as a regular 'job'. Minors may be asked to work anywhere from one (3 to 4 hour) shift per week to one shift per month, depending upon the minor's availability, the department's need, and the number of active minors we have at any given time.

If you believe your child would be interested in participating in this program, they may contact Kathy Romero at (516) 227-9545 between 9:00am and 4:00pm or via e-mail at kromero@nassaucountyny.gov. Please be prepared to provide your full name, your telephone number, home address, e-mail address and the month and year of birth.



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