



Position Announcement: BARN Companion

Bainbridge Artisan Resource Network (BARN) is a growing makerspace and learning place in the community. BARN Companions provide individualized support to participants with physical, cognitive and/or sensory differences, enabling them to engage in classes and activities offered at BARN. Companions will be matched up with participants best suited to participant's needs and the companion's background and experience. We welcome companions aged 15 or older.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Attend a two hour training session to become familiar with how Companions support individuals with physical, cognitive and/or sensory differences.
- Once paired with a Participant for a class or event, BARN staff will share specific areas of support anticipated by the individual and strategies to support the Participant.
- Prior to start of class, Companion will meet Participant at BARN, and become acquainted with instructor and the BARN space where class/activity will be offered.
- Provide support to individual as needed during each day of class time:
 - Help the participant follow directions to engage in the activity.
 - Making physical adjustments to activity or project.
 - Communicate as needed with the class instructor to best help the participant in the class/activity.
 - Follow Participant's individual needs regarding breaks, including sensory breaks in BARN Commons or other designated public areas.
- Ensure safety by following safety/protection guidelines at all times: Companions must never be alone with Participants in an isolated space.

Pay: Volunteer position, or hourly pay dependent upon experience, from \$12-20/hour.

Reports to: Companion Program Coordinator

To apply: Complete the following application: <https://forms.gle/e4kkJxvMz8wjDuhBA>. Direct questions to Companion Program Coordinator Amanda Gonzalez at companion.program@bainbridgebarn.org or 443.375.0929.

BARN is an Equal Opportunity Employer and welcomes applications from qualified individuals without regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, age, disability, pregnancy, genetic information, marital status, amnesty, or status as a covered veteran in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws. We encourage diverse applicants because we believe having a staff that authentically reflects the community we seek to serve is essential to our ability to be culturally responsive.