

**Hardy Girls Healthy Women
Job Description
Girls Coalition Group Muse
Position Time Frame: October 2008 – May 2009**

Hardy Girls Healthy Women's (HGHW) Group Muse will work 4-6 hours per week with middle school girls in (5th-8th grade), HGHW's Programs Coordinator, and Colby Professor Lyn Mikel Brown. Responsibilities will include helping girls develop media literacy skills and engaging girls in social action projects; planning, implementation and facilitation of group activities for 8-12 girls; empowering girls through ally building and connection with other girls and Colby Muses; and attending learning circle meetings with other muses and the HGHW's Programs Coordinator. Benefits of the position include but are not limited to: an opportunity to work with youth in the Greater Waterville community; training in being a muse versus a mentor and the psychological theory of hardiness and hardiness zones; putting theory into practice; practical group facilitation skills; and experience implementing positive youth development practices.

HGHW's ideal muse is dependable, works well with others, has an interest in girls' development and likes working with youth. She must also be self-motivated, a team player and have own transportation.

All accepted applicants will attend a free training on girls' development and group facilitation, how to be a "muse" to girls (versus being a mentor), and how to create a safe space or hardiness zone.

All those interested are encouraged to fill out the application below which includes a 1-2 paragraph statement about why you want to participate, what you want to gain, what prior experience you have working with youth/girls before, and when and where that experience occurred. Please send this information to:

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