

Kitchen Assistant & Dishwasher (Senior Nutrition Program)

Senior Services for South Sound



Opening Date: 5/12/2026
Closing Date: Continuous – Open until filled.
Department: Senior Nutrition
Job Type: Non-Exempt, 0.625 FTE – **25 hours per week**
Salary: New hires start at a firm range of **\$18.06–20.00 per hour**. This position is a Step 1 on the internal salary schedule, which has a range of \$18.06–23.88/hour. An opportunity for a wage increase is based on passing the first six months, engaging in the annual evaluation process, demonstrating satisfactory job performance, the availability of budgetary funds, and other market factors.

Benefits: *For regular employees working 20 or more hours per week:*
Insurance: Medical, vision, dental, and life insurance are available on the first day of the month after 60 days.
Paid vacation: Accrued proportional to hours worked and based on seniority, i.e., a 1–2-year employee working 40 hours/week will accrue approximately 8 hours per month.
Paid holidays: 12–13 paid holidays if their normal schedule would have them working on that day.
Paid personal day: 1 paid personal day within a fiscal year after the first 6 months.
Retirement: If expected to earn \$5k in compensation per year, a tax-deferred Simple IRA with company matching up to 3% of gross is available.
Pet Insurance: available to all employees.
Employee Assistance Program: available to all employees.
Paid sick leave in compliance with WA state standards.

Location: Headquarters in Olympia, report to Olympia, WA

Senior Services for South Sound is looking for a part-time, Kitchen Assistant & Dishwasher (KAD) in the Senior Nutrition program (SN) based out of Olympia for 25 hours per week, who is responsible for assisting with the preparation, sealing, and packing of meals for Meals on Wheels. This ideal person ensures meals meet nutrition, food safety, dietary restrictions, and portion control standards. KAD also assists in doing the dishes, setting up/breaking down the dining room, and performing other cleaning and organizing duties as assigned. Join an amazing team and help us drive our Senior Nutrition goals in support of our organization’s mission and exciting growth!

Senior Services for South Sound is a highly mission-driven 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for people as they age. While the focus is on delivering great service to seniors, our organization is filled with caring, thoughtful people who have a lot of fun and heart. As a diverse organization that values integrity, inclusion, respect, results, and service excellence, we are a positive culture where employees are engaged, empowered, and appreciated.

Moreover, we offer awesome **benefits!**

- *Medical, Dental, Vision, and/or Life* if working 20 hours or more per week and employed for 60 days;
- *Sick Leave* in proportion to the FTE, with up to 8 hours in a calendar month and no less than 1 hour for every 40 hours worked;

- *Paid Vacation* if working 20 hours or more per week, accrual beginning on day 1 of employment at the 1-year level of service, which provides up to 8 hours per month, is proportional to hours worked, and can first be taken after 6 months of employment;
- *1 paid personal day*;
- *12-13 paid holidays* if normally scheduled to work on such days;
- *Retirement*: if expected to earn \$5k or more in the calendar year, the employer will match the employee's contribution, dollar for dollar, up to 3% of the employee's gross annual salary in a Simple IRA;
- *Pet Insurance* is available to all employees; and
- *Employee Assistance Program*.

What you will be doing:

We're looking for a **Kitchen Assistant & Dishwasher** working **25 hours a week** to help prepare meals for the Meals on Wheels program in the Olympia kitchen and help clean dishes, set up and break down the dining room, and perform other cleaning and organizing duties as assigned.

Key outcomes:

The Kitchen Assistant & Dishwasher:

- Assists Olympia kitchen staff in the preparation of meals to meet all program requirements while complying with health and safety standards.
- Works directly with volunteers to make Meals on Wheels meals, manage dishes, and clean the meal station.
- Participates in mandatory staff meetings and trainings, primarily held in Olympia, as required.
- Assists with fundraising events as required.
- Performs other duties as required.

What you will bring:

- Possesses a current Food Handler's permit or obtains one within 30 days of employment;
- Possesses or obtains CPR/First Aid card;
- GED or High School diploma; and
- Experience implementing and maintaining food safety practices and regulations.

Preferred:

Applicants who also possess the following *may* receive additional consideration from the hiring manager:

- Culinary Arts Program graduate or related certification or experience.
- WA Driver's license; or State issued I.D.; auto insurance coverage.

KSAs: food production, principles and processes for providing customer and personal services, time management, working effectively with a wide variety of people, including older adults, staff members, volunteers, people with disabilities, and minorities, quality control analysis, information ordering, and oral comprehension.

Candidates may request a complete position description at any time.

Why work at Senior Services for South Sound?

We're committed to enhancing the quality of life for people as they age and having fun doing it. With a culture of inclusion and positivity, the goal of enriching the lives of seniors is powered by dedicated, inspiring people delivering programs such as Brighter Days Adult Day Program, Meals on Wheels, Senior Community

Dining, Senior Transportation, Supportive Services, Health, and Wellness Programs, Adult Learning, Independent Living, and activities and classes featured at our two centers. Moreover, we believe in supporting and taking care of our employees, offering medical, retirement, and paid vacations to eligible employees. Apply with your **cover letter, resume or CV**, and **3 professional references** today!

The hiring authority may make a hiring decision at any time. Initial screening will begin on 5/12/2026. It is to the applicant's advantage to submit materials as soon as possible and request a complete job description. The candidate pool certified from this recruitment may be used to fill future similar vacancies for up to six months. **Senior Services is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate based on age, sex (including gender identity), marital status, sexual orientation, race, creed, color, national origin, honorably discharged veteran or military status, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability, or any other status protected by law. **Background and reference checks will be completed before a new hire's start date, but no sooner than after Senior Services has initially determined that an applicant is otherwise qualified for the position. If you require a reasonable accommodation to participate in the hiring process, please contact Human Resources to start the interactive process.*

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