

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - VIRTUAL VOLUNTEERING

New volunteers *tutor* students in reading via Zoom or (and) *monitor virtual tutoring* sessions after-school.

**What will I do as an Experience Corps (EC) volunteer?** New EC volunteers will tutor &/or monitor virtually.  
TUTORS:

- Tutor 2 or more assigned students twice weekly, in 30-minute sessions via Zoom, and held after the school day.
- Follow a reading tutoring program using online books and tutoring materials
- Share their love of reading by reading aloud from a fiction book at the end of every session.
- Develop relationships that encourage students' learning and confidence.

MONITORS:

- Are essential to every tutoring session. *No tutoring takes place without a Monitor present.*
- Watch scheduled sessions off-camera and muted to assure safety for the tutor and student.
- Contact EC staff if students are late or to help with technology or challenges.
- Suggest solutions or make tutor aware of challenges (text or Chat), help access online tutoring resources if needed.
- Provide tutors with support and feedback, especially a few minutes after each session.

**Do you have to be a teacher to volunteer?** NO! We provide training, support, and all the materials you need. However, educators find EC to be a great (less stressful) way to continue to help children learn. Experience and comfort with computers and Zoom are helpful – but not required. However, you **do** need:

- good reading skills,
- a love of reading,
- to enjoy being with young children,
- patience and flexibility,
- an open mind and heart, and
- dedication.

### What is the time commitment?

- Tutor and/or monitor two (or more) afternoons weekly until late May
- Tutors spend a few minutes preparing for sessions and online tutoring documentation; all volunteers keep track of hours online.
- Participate in a monthly virtual Team meeting facilitated by EC staff.
- Attend training sessions and practices before tutoring begins (October) and regular virtual training workshops.
- Fun volunteer appreciation events held twice yearly

### How do I join?

- Reserve a place at a virtual information meeting.
- Complete the application.
- Attend a Zoom interview.
- We call your references.
- Free criminal history check including fingerprinting\*.
- Call Tom with any questions

### Why should I do this?

- Your community needs you!
- You will help children become better readers.
- You will learn new things.
- You will meet other caring older adults.
- You will make a difference.
- You will stay mentally active.
- *You will have fun!*

**I have questions.** Call Tom Mead at 203-752-3059 x 2900 or email [volunteer@aoascc.org](mailto:volunteer@aoascc.org)

Experience Corps strongly encourages participation by people of color, indigenous, immigrants and refugees, LGBTQA+ and people with disabilities. Individuals with disabilities who need accommodations may arrangements with Experience Corps.

\*Due to recurring access to a vulnerable population (children), a name check on the National Sex Offender Website and free FBI and CT State Police background checks will be conducted for all applicants.