

Frequently Asked Questions – Tutor Volunteering

What will I do as an Experience Corps (EC) Volunteer?

- Tutor one or more students twice a week, in 30-minute sessions, either in-school or during an After-School Program.
- Follow a structured reading program using approved books in a progressive order.
- Share your deep interest in reading by reading aloud to your student at the close of each session.
- Develop positive relationships with your student(s) that encourage trust and confidence.

Will Some Tutors Work Remotely with students? Yes, some of our students will require remote instruction. Experience and comfort with computers and Zoom are helpful. Remote tutors will access books online and require the aid of a remote monitor for safety and assistance.

Do you have to be a teacher to volunteer? Absolutely not. We provide the training, materials, and support that you will need. Common attributes for our volunteers is a love of reading, an enjoyment to be with young children, and a commitment to the twice weekly sessions for the entire year (Oct-May).

What is the Time Commitment?

- Training, practice, and assignments are all part of the annual preparations, beginning in late August.
- Our actual twice weekly sessions begin in October, and end in Late May.
- Students normally require about an hour of your time for each session (preparation and action)
- You will be required to participate in monthly team meetings facilitated by the EC Staff.
- In addition to the tutoring training and practices, you will also attend training workshops through the year, and appreciation events twice a year.

How do I join?

- Attend an Information Meeting
- Complete an application
- Reference Checks Completed
- Criminal History Check (Federal and State)
- Attend an Interview with Staff

Why Should I Do This?

- Your community needs you!
- Your work helps children become better readers.
- You will join other kindred souls on this mission – keeping you intellectually alert and connected.

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