

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 I be able to work in-person? Yes, most of our students will be in-person, either at their school or at their after-school location. A few students may require remote tutors and we will train in this mode as necessary.

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 school year.

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 or Personal Interview
- Complete an application
- Provide References (3)
- Criminal History Check (Federal and State)
- Complete the multi-phase training program

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. And perhaps living longer!

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