



CWS | Harrisonburg: Volunteer Opportunities



Cultural Orientation (CO) Class Volunteers

These volunteers assist in our CO classes, which teach essential cultural concepts such as: getting a job in the US, budgeting, transportation and more. Responsibilities include teaching CO courses, leading field trips to relevant locations (example: going to the bank after financial course), and planning CO courses with various staff members. Classes are currently held in person and virtually, based on family need. Preference is given to volunteers who can commit to volunteering for 3 months or more. **Additional steps required before volunteer placement is confirmed.**



Reception Volunteers

These volunteers manage our front desk and help to greet clients and answer the phones. Reception volunteers can also be trained to help with administrative tasks while they are working. 3 hours or more per week and a minimum 3-month commitment preferred. **Additional steps required before volunteer placement is confirmed.**



Public Transportation Volunteers

These volunteers help our clients gain independence and self-sufficiency by teaching them to use the public transportation system. Volunteers meet clients at their home, walk with them to the bus stop, and assist them in riding the correct bus to a predetermined location (Example: grocery store, bank, etc). Training can be provided for those interested but who are not familiar with the bus already. **Additional steps required before volunteer placement is confirmed.**



Transportation Volunteers

These volunteers will assist CWS staff and clients by providing transportation. Volunteers will drive clients to appointments, work, or other important locations. Volunteers must be 21 years old and pass a CWS driving check. Need varies weekly. **Additional steps required before volunteer placement is confirmed.**



MYVA

These volunteers partner with high school aged refugee youth for mentorship and to introduce the student to American life, culture, festivals, and community opportunities. Mentors are caring adults, adept at navigating the community and can provide space for listening and support. Volunteer mentors meet with their mentees anywhere from once a week to once a month depending on their schedules. **Additional steps required before volunteer placement is confirmed.**



Youth School Tutors

These volunteers will assist students in grades K-12 with homework and other school assignments. School tutors are expected to meet once a week for one hour. **Additional steps required before volunteer placement is confirmed.**

Adult English Tutors

These volunteers meet individually to practice English with adults who are unable to attend in-person classes. Curriculum is provided and no prior teaching experience is necessary, although it's always welcome. A commitment of once to twice a week for 1 hour per visit is preferred. **Additional steps required before volunteer placement is confirmed.**



Computer Literacy Volunteers

These volunteers will assist clients with their computer skills. This includes introducing the client to the computer, email, zoom and keyboard basics. Computer literacy classes should meet 1-2 times a week and last for about an hour. **Additional steps required before volunteer placement is confirmed.**



Immigration

These volunteers assist staff in helping newcomers through the process of applying for immigration benefits. Tasks include scanning and filing documents, record-keeping, notifying clients about matters related to their applications, and document translation. Knowledge of immigration law is unnecessary and training is provided. Due to department needs, computer literacy is required and fluency in Spanish is strongly preferred. Volunteers who speak Swahili, Kinyarwanda, Arabic, Dari, or Pashto are also needed. A commitment of 3 hours per week for 3 months is needed. **Additional steps required before volunteer placement is confirmed.**



Childcare Volunteers

These volunteers will assist with children during ESL & Cultural Orientation classes. Volunteers will always be assigned in groups of 2. All volunteers must be comfortable working with children of various ages, possibly with limited English.



Hot Meal Volunteers

These volunteers will provide new families with a hot meal on the day/night of their arrival. Culturally appropriate food lists will be provided. Meals are to be dropped off at the CWS Harrisonburg office the day of the family's arrival. Hot meals will be delivered to the family by CWS.



Grocery Volunteers

These volunteers will provide a new family with their first set of groceries. Culturally appropriate food lists will be provided. Volunteer is responsible for picking up the groceries, paying for the groceries, and delivering the groceries to the client's home. Grocery costs will vary depending on the size of the family.



Housing Volunteers

These volunteers will assist families as they are moving into their new homes. Move-ins require assistance in transporting and carry baggage and transporting clients to their new home. It is recommended that volunteers be comfortable carrying heavy baggage, as well as over 21.

For questions or to sign up to be a volunteer, contact
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