

Volunteering at Conexión Américas

FAQ

What do volunteers do? Volunteers at Conexión Américas help with everything from teaching ESL classes, ACT prep for high school students, to staffing special events and programs. Prospective volunteers are screened for aptitudes, skills, schedule availability, and preferences before being placed in available opportunities. Volunteers are placed based on best fit and not all prospective volunteers can be accepted.

Can groups volunteer? Please note your interest in having your group volunteer on your application. You should be aware that opportunities in which groups can volunteer are limited and require advance notice for planning.

Do volunteers need to speak Spanish to participate? We have programs that require Spanish and others that do not. Please read through program descriptions for details, and note your proficiency on your application.

Are there programs where I can practice my Spanish? We have programs that require knowledge of technical Spanish (coaching our entrepreneurs), and others that only require simple conversational Spanish (daycare of preschoolers/toddlers). We ask our ESL tutors to speak a lot of English with our students, but there will be times when you might use Spanish to explain a concept.

Can kids or families volunteer? Families can volunteer with certain programs, but most of our volunteer opportunities are for individuals. We allow teenagers to volunteer with our daycare programs, and as event assistants. Children under 14 must have a parent present.

What are the requirements to volunteer? It depends on the program. Some require background checks and others do not accept teens. Please read the description of each opportunity to get more information on the unique requirements.

Is there a minimum time requirement to volunteer? There is no minimum, but we encourage volunteers to join us on an ongoing basis and become part of our *familia*.

I need to perform specific tasks or assignments for service hours for a class. What should I do? If you have additional requirements beyond traditional volunteering (interviewing staff, doing observations), please note that on your application and discuss it with the volunteer

coordinator for the program. You should know that our volunteer opportunities change over time, and we may not have an opportunity that fits your deadline, so request an opportunity as soon as you are able.

I would like to intern with Conexión Américas. Should I fill out the volunteer application? We have a different process for intern opportunities. Please contact Tara Lentz if you would like information on interning at Conexión Américas. She can be reached at tara@conamericas.com.

Do I have to register to volunteer? Can I bring a friend with me to volunteer?

Every volunteer must register in our system before volunteering at Conexión Américas. We ask that all new volunteers attend the orientation in order to fully understand our programs and our volunteer requirements.

If the volunteering opportunity is not at Casa Azafrán will transportation be provided? Volunteers must provide their own transportation.

Do you accept court-ordered community service requests? Yes. Volunteers with court-ordered community service obligations work with our Community Engagement program. Volunteers will be asked to help set up and staff our table at different events in Nashville. We cannot guarantee that we can meet the needs of your court order, and we encourage community service volunteers to register and request time with ample notice to our staff.

[Complete an application to get started!](#)