

Volunteers in Public Schools provides students in the State College Area School District, grades K-12, with no-cost tutoring/mentoring assistance. Volunteers fill requests that have been received from teachers in the district for tutors and/or classroom aides. Our program is ongoing throughout the school year, but it usually takes a few months into the school year to get going full strength due to SCASD students taking a while to recognize their needs. My placements depend on matching student's needs with the tutor's interests/availability, so things sometimes work out well and other time the right match doesn't materialize.

We have several options for participants: you can work with students/teachers during the day in a classroom setting, help out at one of our after-school tutoring centers on Monday-Thursday, work with K-5 students at our evening parenting programs, or help out with our middle school's Science Olympiad. The typical time investment is from 1-2 hours a week. **Secondary Education majors and all volunteers interested in working with grades 6-12** should include their primary field of study but also list any strengths in the areas of math, science, English, or foreign language you may have, since the majority of my requests come from the latter fields and the more subjects you can tutor, the more chances there will be to place you! **Elementary Education majors and those volunteers interested in working with grades K-5** should list as many daytime, after-school, and evening time slots as possible. **Education majors in need of hours:** an important thing to keep in mind is that our program doesn't tend to yield a host of hours. Most sites are only 1-2 hours per week, so unless you have the time to commit to multiple sites, you won't be able to count on getting all of your hours completed with our program in one semester.

Application Information

Please note when filling out your application that a combination of volunteer options (see question 11) will better enable me to find a placement for you, particularly if you are doing this for either community service or education hours. Also, when requesting particular options, please pay attention to whether or not these options require your own transportation to get to the site or whether bus tokens are available!

Please provide me with the following:

1. Name
2. E-mail
3. Local address
4. Local phone number
5. Major
6. Current year at PSU (freshman, sophomore, etc.)
7. College/program in which you are enrolled (e.g., Schreyer, DUS, IST, Education)
8. Hourly requirements if needed for your major
 - a) are these diversity or regular hours?
 - b) how many of each do you need?
 - c) what is your own ethnic and socioeconomic background?
9. Whether or not you have your own transportation

10. **Grade level you'd like to work with: elementary, middle, or high school**
11. **Foreign languages you could tutor (please specify level completed)**
12. **Subjects you'd be most interested in tutoring.** Please be as specific as possible, listing all types of math and science separately: for example, algebra I and II, geometry, earth science, chemistry, physics.
13. **Which volunteer options interest you.** Please include the time your last class gets out on the day/s you would like to tutor so that I can factor in transportation time when assigning you.

a) **High School North Tutoring Center:** grades K-12, **Wed and/or Thurs**, minimum of 1 hr. between 3:30-6:00. This site is located on the "R" bus route and is about a 10-minute ride from campus; *bus tokens are available for those without their own transportation.* [List available days/times.](#)

b) **Middle School Tutoring Center:** grades 6-8, **Tues and/or Thurs**, 3:30-5:30 (need to be available for two hours on one or both days); *volunteers must have their own transportation.* [List available day/s.](#)

c) **Houserville Homework Help Club:** grades 3-5, **Mon**, 3:00-4:00; *volunteers must have their own transportation to get to this site.*

d) **Classroom Assignments:** grades K-6, **Mon-Fri**, 8:30-3:00, for approximately 1-2 hours one or two days per week. *Bus tokens are available for a few schools and these assignments go fast, so get your applications in early; many other classroom assignments are available for those who have their own transportation!* [List available days/times.](#)

e) **Evening Parenting Sessions:** grades K-5, **Mon-Fri**, usually from 6-8 p.m.; various times throughout the school year, to be announced. Volunteers help with recreational activities for children while parents attend classes. *Volunteers must have their own transportation to help at these sites.* [List available evenings.](#)

f) **Science Olympiad Tutors:** grades 7 & 8, **Mon** from 3:30-5:30 beginning in mid-October. Work with a small group of seventh and eighth graders to prepare for a high-level science competition. *Volunteers much have their own transportation to help at this site.*

g) **Big Brothers/Big Sisters School-Based Program:** **THIS IS NOT A STATE COLLEGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT PROGRAM.** *Please call the Centre County Youth Service Bureau at 814-237-5731 for details and to apply!!!!*

14. **Professional reference, with e-mail address or phone number (can be a professor, an advisor, or an employer; please don't use a friend or relative)**
15. **Emergency contact number (I'd prefer a parent/guardian name and phone number)**
16. **How you heard about our program**

Please send completed applications to:
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Questions: 814-235-4915