



Volunteer Job Description

Thank you for your interest in enriching the lives of young people from underserved communities while they help prepare abandoned dogs for new homes!

Volunteer Objective

Be a vital part of our team as you work directly mentoring a student-dog team.

Program Structure and Schedule

Program runs for roughly 3 hours per day, weekdays, for 16 days.

Daily Basics

- Arrive at designated time and place for staff pow-wow
- Set up space for training and retrieve shelter dog from designated staff for potty walk
- 1st hour - students train their dogs using reward-based, force free methods, volunteers support students as they learn
- 2nd hour – classroom type activities. Volunteers support students, both 1:1 and as a group during discussions, presentations and tours
- Return dog to designated staff after program
- Volunteers are also charged with maintaining the safety of the students/dogs in all aspects of the program

How Do You Qualify?

- 21 years of age or older
- Enjoy working with dogs young people between the ages of 13-18
- Pass a background check (we all gotta do it)
- Attend all orientations and read all materials
- Follow the training methods taught by K9YA dog trainer
- Ability to handle dogs of varying sizes and breeds
- Wear appropriate clothing, K9YA T-shirt, training pouch and name badge during program (all will be provided for you)
- Ability to stand and be active for 1.5 – 3 hours



Time Commitment

Here it comes...We ask our volunteers to commit to the full 16-day program. Consistency is an important element in the cohesion of the group and therefore the positive impact we have with our students. That said, we understand and appreciate your busy schedule. If that is not possible for you, we will try to work with your schedule.

Next steps:

If you are interested in becoming a K9YA volunteer please contact Kelly at k9youthalliance@gmail.com or 424.272.5992.

Thank you!



“kids helping dogs helping kids”

