

ENGAGE ARKANSAS



VolunteerAR/EngageAR National Service Recruitment Portal

How to register and post national service opportunities.

WHAT THIS INCLUDES

START RECRUITING!

In partnership with VolunteerAR, Engage AR offers an online, state-wide national service recruitment portal. Nonprofit, faithbased, government, and community-based organizations can utilize VolunteerAR to share service opportunities, recruit volunteers and national service members, manage volunteer communication, report and verify volunteer hours. This guide will help you get started by walking you through the registration process and how to create a national service recruitment post.

If you have any questions or need assistance, you can contact **Jamal Williams** at **Jamal.Williams@adhe.edu**.

To start, hover your cursor over “organizations” and click “About Partnership” to learn the requirements for organizations eligible to post volunteer opportunities on VolunteerAR. From this page you can begin Step 1, which is to complete your organization’s online registration.

The screenshot shows the VolunteerAR website interface. At the top, the browser address bar displays "https://www.volunteerar.org". The navigation menu includes: MY ACCOUNT, ORGANIZATIONS, VOLUNTEER, DISASTER, YOUTH, NATIONAL SERVICE, SPECIAL INITIATIVES, and ABOUT US. A dropdown menu is open under "ORGANIZATIONS", showing "ABOUT PARTNERSHIP" (highlighted with a red arrow) and "RECOGNITION". Below the navigation is a hero section with a background image of five smiling volunteers in blue shirts. The text "MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT HOME" is centered, with a green "VOLUNTEER NOW!" button below it. Underneath is a search section titled "FIND A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY" with an "Advanced Search" link. The search form includes a "Keyword(s)" input field, a location dropdown set to "Little Rock, AR", a "Any" dropdown, and a green "SEARCH" button. At the bottom, a blue banner features the text "WE NEED YOU HERE!" and a logo for "AD" (likely Arkansas Department of Community Affairs).

There are two steps to registering with VolunteerAR. The first is a quick, online registration. Step two requires submitting proof of liability insurance and 501 (c) 3 status.

Are you ready to get started? We are excited to partner with you to help your organization achieve its mission and goals!
Here's how: (Please complete both steps.)

STEP 1:

Complete our short online registration form. This will get you into our database! [Click here to complete this step.](#)



STEP 2:

After registering through the Portal you must submit proof of liability insurance, and if you are a nonprofit proof of 501(c)3 status. You can email a copy of these documents to volunteerar@dhs.arkansas.gov.

Thank you!

If you have any questions about partnership or using the Portal, email volunteerar@dhs.arkansas.gov or call (501) 682-7540 TDD: (501) 682-1605.

PLEASE NOTE: VolunteerAR is not responsible for screening or conducting background checks of volunteers. When you connect with a volunteer through the Portal, we recommend you complete your organization's screening process before allowing a volunteer to serve with your organization.

Step 1: Online Registration

ORGANIZATION SIGN UP

If you are a nonprofit, school, faith-based, government or civic organization that would like to partner with us to recruit and manage volunteers, please complete the information below.

Submit

Basic Info

Organization Name *

Website

Mission Statement *

Primary Population Served *

Primary Impact Area *

Federal EIN
Enter your Federal EIN, DO NOT INCLUDE DASHES

Logo

Recommended Size is 113 X 113 px. The image you add here is used if and when your opportunity is spotlighted as a featured opportunity by the system administrator.

Upload your organization's logo and it will be included in all your volunteer opportunity posts.



Primary Contact Info

First Name *

Last Name *

Title *

Email Address *

Confirm Email Address *

Primary Contact for Volunteer Inquiries (If different than above)

First Name

Last Name

Title

Email Address



You can include up to two different volunteer contacts for the organization.

Once you submit the online form, step two requires that you submit proof of liability insurance for your organization and proof of nonprofit status. These can be emailed to volunteerar@dhs.arkansas.gov

These documents must be submitted before your organization can begin posting volunteer opportunities. After they have been reviewed you will receive an email from VolunteerAR prompting you to setup your password and begin posting!

How to Post an Opportunity

When you log in you will see this screen, known as the “Partner Portal.” This is where you can edit your organization’s information, post opportunities, verify volunteer attendance and hours, and manage communication with contacts who are interested in volunteering with your organization

Your organization's logo will appear here.

Home

My Organization

Volunteer Opportunities

Contacts

Report Attendance

Return to Volunteer Portal

IT'S A GREAT DAY TO COORDINATE VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you for your continued service as a volunteer coordinator. Not only do we depend on you but our volunteers do, too. Quick reminders for your time here in the coordinator portal:

1. Have you verified attendance for volunteers who have already participated?
2. Have you approved any new volunteers who have expressed interest?
3. Are all of your volunteer opportunities and shifts up to date?

If you need assistance using the Partner Portal, contact Ezell Breedlove at 501-320-6091 or ezell.breedlove@dhs.arkansas.gov



TIPS TO CREATE A POST THAT STANDS OUT

1. Start with a descriptive title.

The title of the volunteer opportunity is the first thing potential volunteers will see. Catch the attention of volunteers by using a title that is descriptive, but brief. For example, instead of "Mentors Needed" try "Mentor Middle School Girls After School."

2. Include Details

What should volunteers expect if they volunteer with your organization? Sometimes this includes a "position description" for the volunteer role. Be sure to include other details like:

- Time commitment
- Physical demands or requirements
- Skills, training, or knowledge needed
- Individual or group activity
- If a background check is required
- If training is provided to the volunteer

How to create a new opportunity

1. Click “Volunteer Opportunities” in the left side menu.
2. Click the blue button that says “Create Volunteer Opportunity.”

Your organization's logo will appear here.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Search by keyword.

Search

Click here to create a new volunteer opportunity

Create Volunteer Opportunity

Actions	Name ▲	Posting Status	Registration Type
		<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
View	Self-Reported Volunteer Hours		Express Interest
View Edit	volunteer to read to kids	This has been archived. Please contact your system administrator	Sign Up

Showing 1 to 2 of 2 entries

Previous

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Next

When you click "Volunteer Opportunities" you will see a list of all your past, current, and future volunteer opportunities.

National Service Position Description Example

Position Title: Career Center VISTA at Our House

Member Duties: Build and support programming around the four pillars of the Career Center: Employment and Training, Health and Wellness, Education, and Financial Empowerment. You will align programming to best practices and standards while also ensuring program sustainability through cultivating, training, and sustaining long-term volunteer or partner engagement and meaningful client empowerment. You will coordinate all volunteers, design educational materials, and assist with data collection, data quality, and reporting. You will also lead planning for Health and Wellness Day as well as Be Your Child's Best Advocate series. Your service will empower our adult clients to gain skills necessary to succeed at their goals in the workplace, in school, and in life for themselves and their families.

Service Location: Little Rock, AR

Schedule: Full Time

Program Benefits: Childcare assistance if eligible, Choice of Education Award or End of Service Stipend, Training, Employee Assistance Program, Health Coverage*, Relocation Allowance, Living Allowance

Program Start/End Date

08/21/2018 - 08/20/2019

Accepting Applications

06/30/2017 - 06/30/2019

Service Areas:

Community and Economic Development, Community Outreach, Education, Homelessness, Ex-Offender Re-entry, Health, Housing

Skills:

Public Speaking, Team Work, Communications, Recruitment, Writing/Editing, Teaching/Tutoring, Education, Computers/Technology, Community Organization.

Your opportunity post will not be approved if it does not include, at a minimum, the information in red. Other information to consider: education level, age requirements, flexible hours, etc. You may copy the position description from www.My.AmeriCorps.gov

Create Volunteer Opportunity- Continued

Default Opportunity Coordinator *

Carey Coordinator

Location

700 S Main Street

The location will automatically default to your organization's address. If the opportunity is at another site, choose "Add location (Next Step)." The next screen will allow you to input a new address.

Primary Impact Area *

Select Option

Minimum Age *

18

Minimum Age (w/ adult) *

18

Suitable for Groups

Type

Project

Activity

For national service opportunities, choose "Activity"

Next

****IMPORTANT: The next slide will ask for what period of time do you want volunteers to be able to express interest. PLEASE ONLY PUT YOUR RECRUITMENT TIME PERIOD and NOT the entire service term. ****

Create Volunteer Opportunity - Express Interest Only

For what period of time do you want volunteers to be able to express interest in this opportunity?

Start Date *

4/15/2019

End Date *

4/15/2019

Previous

Only put recruitment time period. NOT the entire service term.

Next

Last Step! Be sure to select “AmeriCorps” before you submit

Program Area (Local)

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