



United States Department of Agriculture

Marketing and Regulatory Programs

Volunteer Agreement

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This agreement covers the acceptance of volunteer service under Civil Service Regulation 308.103.5, Code of Federal Regulations, and Title 5, U.S. code, Section 3111. It also serves as a record of such service.

Personal Data

Name

(Print Name First, Last)

Address:

City, State, Zip Code:

Email Address:

Home Phone:

Mobile:

Citizenship or Immigration Status

You must select one box to attest to your citizenship or immigration status.

U.S. citizen

noncitizen national of the United States

An individual born in American Samoa, certain former citizens of the former Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and certain children of noncitizen nationals born abroad.

lawful permanent resident

An individual who is not a U.S. citizen who resides in the United States under legally recognized and lawfully recorded permanent residence as an immigrant.

**Personal Data
continued**

O alien authorized to work

An individual who is not a citizen or national of the United States, or a lawful permanent resident, but is authorized to work in the United States.

Enter the date that your employment authorization expires _____.

Aliens authorized to work must enter one of the following to complete this section:

- 1. Alien Registration Number (A-Number)/USCIS Number _____.
- 2. Form I-94 Admission Number _____.
- 3. Foreign Passport Number and the Country of Issuance _____.

**Assignment Data
To Be Completed by Supervisory Program Official**

Program: _____

Location: _____

Supervisory Program Official: _____
(Print Name First, Last)

Project Title: _____

Duration of Volunteer Assignment: _____
(Beginning Date) (End Date)

(Hours per Week)

Description of service: Define the role and services requested of the volunteer. Provide details describing duties, tasks and responsibilities include information regarding location of project/duties, licensure, and/or certification if required, level of physical activity required, training if required, tools, equipment, and PPE needed and provided, supplies, materials, and/or equipment that will be provided by the volunteer, etc. Attach additional sheets as necessary. Please ensure that all attachments contain the name of the volunteer. Classified position descriptions will not be accepted.

Assignment Data
To Be Completed by Federal Employee Supervisory Program Official
continued

Check all that apply, verify, and initial, as required before submitting the agreement to the Volunteer Program Coordinator:

- Uniform (if required); **Initials of supervisor** _____
- Valid Driver's License Verified (if required); **Initials of supervisor** _____
- Valid Licensure/Certification Verified (if required); **Initials of supervisor** _____
- Employment certificates or work permits as required by state or local authorities for volunteers under the age of 18 Verified (if applicable); **Initials of supervisor** _____

Incidental Expenses

Volunteers do not receive a salary from USDA; however, each volunteer serving under the authority of 7 USC 2272 may have incidental expenses paid such as transportation, lodging, and subsistence. The supervisory program official's signature on the agreement signifies endorsement of the volunteer assignment and confirms consent to payment of expenses that the volunteer assignment might require. Incidental expense claims associated with the volunteer assignment will be assessed through customary financial management procedure.

Incidental Expenses Approved: Yes No

Type of Reimbursement if any: _____

I certify the volunteer service is in accordance with appropriate Federal, State, and local regulations, regarding employment of minors. The volunteer will be supervised and provided materials, equipment, and access to facilities that are available and needed to perform the volunteer service described above.

I certify that the volunteer services to be performed as defined in the Description of Service to include attachments, if any, will not displace any employee.

Signature of Federal Supervisory Program Official

Date

Volunteer Agreement

I understand that:

- I will not receive pay for services rendered.
- I am permitted access to the work site only during my approved duty hours.
- I am not considered a Federal employee for any purpose other than for purposes of the Federal Tort Claims provisions published in 28 U.S.C. 2671 through 2680, and U.S.C. Chapter 81, relative to compensation for injuries sustained during the performance of work assignments.
- I am not eligible for health insurance, life insurance, retirement, or any other benefits.
- If the Federal Government later employs me, my volunteer service will not be credited for civil service retirement purposes. However, the experience I gain may be credited to meet qualification requirements for employment.
- My volunteer assignment may require a reference check, background investigation, and/or criminal history inquiry in order to perform my assignment.
- I am to conduct myself with honesty and integrity in the performance of my assignment and follow the rules of conduct of MRP, the Department of Agriculture, and the Federal Government.
- I am to safeguard Government business, which is not for public information.
- I am not authorized to represent the agency in any matter or proceeding, nor expend government funds. Any inventions made during the assignment must be submitted to the agency for a determination of rights. Prior approval must be obtained prior to publishing the results of any work, study, or research.
- My supervisor must give permission before I operate any government equipment or handle any property, that it may be used for approved, official purposes only, and that I may be held responsible for any unreasonable damage.
- I serve under the supervision of a Federal official and I, or the Department of Agriculture, Marketing and Regulatory Programs may terminate my services and this agreement at any time.

I agree to the conditions of my service as described above, to assist in authorized activities and to follow all applicable safety guidelines.

Signature of Volunteer

Date

**Parent or Legal Guardian Consent
Complete for Volunteer under Age 18**

Parent or Legal Guardian: _____
(Print Name: First, Last)

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

I affirm that I am the parent/guardian of the above named volunteer. I understand the services rendered by the volunteer are to be uncompensated except for purposes of tort claims and injury compensation. I understand that the volunteer is not considered a Federal employee and that the volunteer service is not creditable for any Federal employee benefit. I have read the description of the service that the volunteer will perform. I give my permission for _____ to participate in the specified volunteer activity.
(Print Name of Volunteer)

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Emergency Contact Information

Name: _____
(Print Name: First, Last)

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Volunteer Service Program Coordinator

Name: _____
(Print First, Last)

Title: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

I agree to accept the volunteer service described in the **Section Titled "Assignment Data"** in compliance with Departmental Regulation 4230-1 Volunteer Programs and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations.

Signature of
MRP Volunteer Service Program Coordinator

Date

Distribution: 1 copy to volunteer, 1 copy to program contact, 1 copy to education institute

Return to: MRP Volunteer Service Program Coordinator
mrp.volunteer.program@usda.gov

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