

Nashville State Community College

Office of Student Life (Room S-103, Phone 615-353-3026)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

2018-2019

American Red Cross

Volunteers are needed to transport blood products to hospitals; be deployed to disasters around the country; to process tasks in the ARC offices; to support blood drive activities; and to support the armed forces in all areas. We are continuously training and recruiting new volunteers to support us in our mission.

CONTACT: Renee Jenkins, Renee.Jenkins@redcross.org, 615-312-8440, www.redcrossblood.org

Cheekwood Botanical Garden & Museum of Art

Cheekwood features both a spectacular Botanical Garden as well as a Museum of Art housed in the original family mansion built in the early 30's. Cheekwood offers year-long, family-friendly activities and events and extensive educational opportunities. Volunteer opportunities include: Fall for Cheekwood, Pumpkin Patch, Moon Viewing events, Tuesdays for Tots, and Visitor Services assistants. For information on these and other opportunities, contact the Volunteer Office or check our website.

CONTACT: Katie Reber, volunteers@cheekwood.org, 615-353-6966, www.cheekwood.org

Fifty Forward

Fifty Forward is Nashville's premier non-profit agency providing services to seniors. We operate seven active aging centers that encourage exercise, social engagement and lifelong learning. One volunteer opportunity involves providing support at Fifty Forward events (including the Annual BBQ and Fall Fest as well as the Viva la Diva Road Race). Information for these opportunities can be found on the Hands on Nashville website. And feel free to contact Fifty Forward for additional volunteer opportunities.

CONTACT: Robin Johnson, rjohnson@fiftyforward.org, 615-743-3424, www.fiftyforward.org

Friends of Warner Park

Warner Parks is one of the largest municipal natural area parks in the country, covering over 3,180 contiguous acres. Friends of Warner Parks is dedicated to the preservation, protection, and stewardship of Percy and Edwin Warner Parks. There are a large variety of volunteer opportunities within our Nature Center, the office, at special events, and within the parks themselves. See our website for all the details!

CONTACT: Paul Fowler, paul.fowler@nashville.gov, 615-370-8053, www.warnerparks.org

Hands On Nashville!

Becoming a volunteer of Hands On Nashville is easy. Simply register yourself by creating a HON.org account. It does not cost anything and your information will be kept private and secure. How much time you commit each month is entirely up to you. Our goal is to make volunteering easy for everyone to fit into their busy schedules, so we offer projects with varying commitment levels.

Check out our website at WWW.HON.org. Look for the Opportunity Calendar

McKendree Village

We have a variety of volunteer opportunities from Bingo to gardening. Our objective with the volunteer program is to provide human, economic, spiritual and emotional support to McKendree Village residents through a well-defined and efficiently managed program of volunteer services designed to enhance the quality of daily living for our residents.

CONTACT: Scott Rowenczak, Srowenczak@mckendree.com, 615-871-8538, www.mckendree.com

The Nashville Food Project

The Nashville Food Project brings people together to grow, cook, and share nourishing food with the goals of cultivating community and alleviating hunger in our city. We welcome volunteers to our gardens to not only help us grow food, but to maintain and care for the diverse ecosystems that help our gardens flourish. In our prep room, volunteers wash and chop fresh produce, slice meats, and make salads and homemade desserts—all part of the healthy meals we serve days a week in 14 different locations. Check out Hands on Nashville's website for individual volunteer sign-up, or go to the Nashville Food Project website to inquire about group service opportunities.

CONTACT: 615-460-0172, www.TheNashvilleFoodProject.org, *Hands on Nashville:* www.hon.org, *Mariah Ragland,*
Volunteer coordinator Mariah@thenashvillefoodproject.org

Nashville Public Library

The library is a fun and interesting place to volunteer. Primarily, our volunteers assist with tasks related to shelving and pulling materials from the shelves, although other opportunities are available as well!

CONTACT: Amy Pierce, amy.pierce@nashville.gov, 615-862-5769, www.library.nashville.org/volunteer

Nashville State Community College on Campus Community Service

Volunteers are needed to assist with on-campus events such as Red Cross Blood Drive, Fall Fest, Spring Fling/Earth Day and other activities throughout the academic year. Volunteers' duties would include but not be limited to assisting with set-up and break down, sign up blood donors, distributing materials and helping to staff event booths.

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Nashville Zoo

The zoo offers internship opportunities within several departments throughout their facility. For more information on current and upcoming opportunities, please visit their website at: www.nashvillezoo.org/jobsinternships

CONTACT: Thaisa Bell, intern@nashvillezoo.org, 615-833-1534, ext.142, www.nashvillezoo.org

Open Table

Housing. Healing. Hope.

- Resource Seasonal Initiatives and Advocacy
- Shelter Volunteering
- Group Education Opportunities

CONTACT: <http://opentablenashville.org/volunteer>

Park Center

Park Center welcomes and appreciates compassionate volunteers (18 and older) who want to make a significant difference in the lives of adults with mental illness and substance use disorders. Opportunities include: tutoring; Lunch Buddies (eating lunch with a member); offering expertise in areas such as yoga, choir, art, music, etc.; helping to prepare, serve, clean, and entertain at holiday dinners; gathering a group to assist with larger tasks.

CONTACT: Lauren Roberts, lauren.roberts@parkcenternashville.org, 615-242-3576, ext. 217, www.parkcenternashville.org

Pencil Foundation

PENCIL Foundation is a nonprofit that connects businesses, organizations, universities, churches, and individual volunteers with Nashville public schools to form a partnership benefiting students. It's our belief that community involvement strengthens a school system. Volunteers are especially needed as Reading and/or Math Partners; working with students during 30-minute weekly sessions. Training is provided and the Volunteer Coordinator will assist in finding a school that is convenient for you.

CONTACT: Email: volunteer@pencil615.org, 615-242-3167, www.pencilfd.org

Tennessee Prison Outreach Ministry

Students can volunteer for multiple projects throughout the year, for just a few hours or longer. We also have internships, and multiple service and learning opportunities. Our projects include working with youth, assisting with events, or research projects.

CONTACT: Grant Carey, email - gcarey@tnprisonministry.org, Ofc. tel. 615-870-1126, www.tnprisonministry.org/

USDA-NRCS (U.S. Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service)

Help America's farmers and ranchers conserve the Nation's soil, water, air, and other natural resources. Volunteers conduct soil surveys, test water quality, assist with field visits, create communications products, develop and present educational materials, and a host of other exciting activities. Plus, this is a great way to learn more about our natural resources and our environment.

CONTACT: Trevor Hunt, trevor.hunt@tn.usda.gov, 615-452-3838, ext. 3, www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/tn/home/ (Search: *Earth Team Volunteers Program*)