



Read to Succeed Buffalo
Community Alignment for Reading Excellence

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Position Description Volunteer Tutor/Mentor

Position Title: Volunteer Tutor/Mentor

Service Position Summary: Volunteer tutor/mentors serve in local schools in PreK through 3rd grade. Volunteer tutor/mentors provide 1:1 or 1:2 tutoring in essential pre-reading and early reading skills. Additionally, tutor/mentors build positive relationships with their students that support, encourage and motivate social emotional growth and mitigate non-academic barriers to learning.

Commitment: A minimum of four hours per week, over two days a week, for the entire school year, plus additional time for required training and team meetings.

Reports to: Experience Corps Literacy Coach (ECLC)

Responsibilities:

Students

- Work with 1:1 or 1:2 with designated students who are identified by the teacher and ECLC as needing extra reading assistance according to school administered assessment(s).
- Volunteers tutor/mentor identified students using AARP Foundation Experience Corps Buffalo structured session model and Experience Corps Buffalo approved materials.
- Model appropriate behavior for students.
- Develop positive relationships with students; nurture self-esteem and a positive attitude toward learning.

Training & Team

- Attend and participate in a minimum of 15-20 hours of pre- and in-service tutor/mentor training throughout the year.
- Attend and participate in team meetings monthly.
- Be willing to serve as a volunteer tutor/mentor substitute or monitor as needed.
- Establish and build relationships with teachers, ECLC, and fellow volunteers.

Administrative

- Maintain accurate records utilizing AARP Foundation database to capture daily tutoring/mentoring information.



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- Participate in two formal service reviews by ECLC during school year.
- Arrive on time (10-15 minutes prior to tutoring session) and prepared for tutoring.
- Notify the ECLC prior to 8:00 a.m. about unplanned absences when possible.

Policies

- Respect the privacy of students by keeping names and progress of students confidential.
- Respect the classroom teacher/school staff by keeping observations made in the classroom confidential.
- Agree and adhere to all Experience Corps Buffalo, school, and classroom policies and procedures.

Qualifications:

- At least 50 years old
- Has high school diploma or equivalent
- Excellent communication skills
- Basic computer skills
- Successful completion of pre-service training
- Enjoys being with children and values education
- Creative, responsible, organized, flexible, and self-motivated
- Ability to work well with a diverse group of volunteers
- Completed background check as required by RTSB/AARP Foundation Experience Corps and allowed by law

Benefits:

- Ability to make a measurable impact on students' literacy skill development
- Requires the learning of new skills and building new relationships
- Opportunity to serve as a role model for students
- Work with a team making strong social connections with children, other volunteers and RTSB staff