

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
MARKETING AND REGULATORY PROGRAMS**

**STUDENT VOLUNTEER SERVICE  
AGREEMENT**

**PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT:**

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USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

This agreement addresses the acceptance of volunteer service under, 5 Code of Federal Regulations Part 308, and Title 5, U.S. Code Section 3111. It also serves as a record of such service.

**SECTION I – PERSONAL DATA**

NAME ( <i>Print Last, First, Middle</i> )	HOME PHONE NUMBER
ADDRESS ( <i>Include City, State, and ZIP Code</i> )	MOBILE PHONE NUMBER
	EMAIL ADDRESS
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION ( <i>Name and Address</i> )	
ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE	ACADEMIC LEVEL

**CITIZENSHIP OR IMMIGRATION STATUS**

Complete one of the following to attest to your citizenship or immigration status.

United States 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.

A 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.

An 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

**STUDENT VOLUNTEER SERVICE AGREEMENT (Cont.)**

**SECTION II – ASSIGNMENT DATA – TO BE COMPLETED BY FEDERAL EMPLOYEE SUPERVISORY PROGRAM OFFICIAL**

PROGRAM NAME		LOCATION
PROGRAM OFFICIAL'S NAME (Last and First)		SUPERVISORY PROGRAM OFFICIAL'S TITLE
PHONE NUMBER		EMAIL ADDRESS
<b>LENGTH OF VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENT</b>		
BEGINNING DATE	END DATE	HOURS/WEEK
<b>DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE</b>		

Please define the role and services requested of the volunteer. Provide details describing duties, tasks and responsibilities, 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, etc. Include information regarding equipment and/or property that will be provided by the volunteer, if applicable. Attach additional sheets as necessary. Please ensure that all attachments contain the name of the volunteer. Classified position descriptions will not be accepted.

**Check all that apply, verify and initial, as required before submitting the agreement to the Volunteer Service 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** \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION TO BE COMPLETED BY FEDERAL EMPLOYEE SUPERVISORY PROGRAM OFFICIAL**

I certify the volunteer service is in accordance with appropriate Federal, State, and local regulations, regarding employment of minors.

The student volunteer will be supervised and provided materials, equipment, training, and use of facilities that are available and needed to perform the volunteer service described above. A record of attendance and a written evaluation of the student's performance will be prepared for the student and the educational institution at the end of this assignment.

I certify that the volunteer services to be performed by the student, as outlined in this Volunteer Service Agreement, will not displace any employee.

SIGNATURE OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEE SUPERVISORY PROGRAM OFFICIAL	DATE
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**STUDENT VOLUNTEER SERVICE AGREEMENT (Cont.)**

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**SECTION III – STUDENT VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT**

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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 said equipment or property 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.
- A record of my attendance and an evaluation of my performance will be provided to my educational institution and me when my work assignment is completed.

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
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**SECTION IV – EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION AGREEMENT**

NAME ( <i>Print Last and First</i> )	TITLE
ADDRESS ( <i>Include City, State, and ZIP Code</i> )	PHONE NUMBER
	EMAIL ADDRESS

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is a student enrolled not less than halftime and is in good standing. The duties to be performed and scheduled hours of work are approved as appropriate for the course of study or training that he/she is pursuing. I understand the services rendered by the student are to be uncompensated. The student will ~~will not~~ be given credit (academic or other) for the volunteer assignment.   
 (check one)

I understand that a record of the student's attendance and an evaluation of his/her performance will be provided to this institution when the volunteer assignment is completed.

SIGNATURE OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION REPRESENTATIVE	DATE
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**STUDENT VOLUNTEER SERVICE AGREEMENT (Cont.)**

**SECTION V – PARENTAL OR LEGAL GUARDIAN CONSENT FOR VOLUNTEER UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE**

NAME OF PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN *(Print Last and First)*

ADDRESS *(Include City, State, and ZIP Code)*

HOME PHONE NUMBER

MOBILE NUMBER

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/Type Name of Volunteer)*

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN

DATE

**SECTION VI – EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

ADDRESS *(Include City, State, and ZIP Code)*

HOME PHONE NUMBER

MOBILE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

**SECTION VII – VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROGRAM COORDINATOR**

NAME *(Print Last and First)*

OFFICE LOCATION *(Include City, State, and ZIP Code)*

PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

I agree to accept the volunteer service described in **Section II** in accordance with Departmental Regulation 4230-1.

SIGNATURE OF MRP VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROGRAM COORDINATOR

DATE

Distribution: 1 copy to volunteer, 1 copy to program contact, 1 copy to educational institution

Original to: MRP Volunteer Service Program Coordinator  
USDA, MRPBS, HRD, HR Policy  
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Riverdale, Maryland 20737