



KCPT Trusted Guides

Volunteer Description and Benefits

KCPT is seeking viewers who are passionate about station programming and mission and want to support efforts in early-childhood development and education. KCPT's Education Department serves hundreds of children each year; providing books to schools, training opportunities for teachers and administrators and learning resources to parents of preschoolers.

Volunteers are needed to support these efforts in a variety of ways: assisting with administrative tasks, such as packing materials for workshops; affixing KCPT stickers to the books that are donated to children; working with children and parents at workshops and facilitating activity stations at children's events. Opportunities exist year-round with the greatest need during late-winter in preparation for the annual Education Tech Conference and the fall in preparation for the annual kids' event and Sesame Street in Communities care providers workshop.

Program Requirements:

To qualify for this program, applicants will be asked to pass a station knowledge test, sign a liability waiver, data confidentiality form, photo release and code of conduct form, and submit to a background check*. After these elements are fulfilled, the Volunteer Manager will contact you to schedule an interview. The KCPT Trusted Guide volunteers are supervised by the Education Assistant and Manager of Events & Volunteer Engagement, but volunteers may be asked to report to additional staff members depending on the project.

- Knowledge of and passion for the station, it's programming and mission.
- Understand our public television funding model and be able to answer general questions about membership.
- Enjoy interacting with young children, supporting their educational, social and emotional development.
- Reliably communicate with the Education Assistant and Manager of Events & Volunteer Engagement.
- Use SignUp.com to schedule shifts.
- Lift and carry event materials weighing up to 30lbs.
- Give a minimum of (20) hours per year to maintain active status. Hours are calculated on The KCPT's fiscal year, July 1 - June 30.
- Be available to volunteer during station hours, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., excluding major holidays.
- Commit to shifts average 2-4 hours in length depending on the event or project

Program Incentives:

- Alliance with KCPT's mission to promote life-long learning and serve every member of the Kansas City community
- The opportunity to make a positive impact in the lives of children and support their educational development
- Instant connection with like-minded volunteers to enrich a vibrant social circle
- Opportunity to work with station staff and observe the behind the scenes operations of the station
- KCPT volunteer T-shirt
- A subscription to our monthly Member Guide with the programming schedule
- Invitation to KCPT's annual Volunteer Appreciation Event in April

*KCPT is committed to the safety of our volunteers, staff and event attendees. With this in mind, we ask that all volunteer candidates submit to a background check. A criminal record does not preclude you from participation in the volunteer program. KCPT will be notified in the event of a "red flag" within our areas of concern; specific details of your results will not be shared with us.