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**Volunteer Information**

Thank you for your interest in becoming a volunteer tutor with the Partners program. Partners is free and confidential and offers one-to-one reading, writing and math tutoring for English-speaking adults. Once matched, learner and tutor work together to develop a learning plan based on the learner’s needs and interests. Tutoring happens in a public space such as a library.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

* fluent in English with excellent oral and written skills
* at least high school graduation or equivalent
* be comfortable with reading, writing, and numeracy to feel able to tutor
* 19 years of age
* complete a criminal record check

**SOME QUALITIES OF SUCCESSFUL TUTORS**

* Patience
* Positive attitude
* Adaptable/flexible
* Sense of humour
* Able to relate with diverse groups of people
* Able to build and sustain rapport with people
* Non-judgemental
* Willing to say “I don't know”
* Able to set boundaries
* Willing to be the guide on the side not the sage on the stage

**BENEFITS OF TUTORING**

* It’s rewarding!
* Make a difference in someone's life.
* Learn new skills.
* Experience teamwork.
* Meet and share ideas with other tutors.
* Give back to the community.
* Gain experience and community hours.
* Become a voting member of READ Surrey/White Rock Society

**COMMITMENT TO THE PROGRAM**

If you decide to participate in this program, you are making a commitment to a learner who has likely experienced a less than stellar school experience and he/she is counting on you. This is a huge responsibility and something to consider very seriously.

Once accepted to the Partners program, we ask you to:

* Complete the 15 hour training (usually five 3-hour sessions over 2 weeks).
* Meet with the learner for approximately 1-2 hours per week (depends on learner and tutor and what works for both).
* Spend approximately one hour per week planning your tutoring session.
* Commit to the program for 6 months.
* Attend regular in-service meetings/workshops.
* Be willing to travel within Surrey/White Rock to meet learner
* Communicate regularly with the Coordinator on learner progress, resources needed, and any concerns/questions you have.

Note: We try to match tutor and learners taking into consideration backgrounds, hobbies, work experience, interests, schedules, and personality traits. We cannot guarantee that you will be matched with a learner. We hope that you will find the training interesting and that you will benefit from it.

**APPLICATION PROCESS – Applications are accepted year round**

1. Submit an application form to the Coordinator.
2. Submit a resume to the Coordinator.
3. Complete an English assessment.
4. Have an interview with the Coordinator.
5. Submit to a criminal record search.

**TRAINING SCHEDULE**

* Training is usually held in the fall of each year. Tutors may apply all year and if there are enough candidates, training may be offered earlier.
* Training is mandatory.

**OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU**

We value our tutors and commit to supporting you in this program. Here is what you can expect from the coordinator/trainer.

1. 15 hours of quality training.
2. Help in identifying learner's learning style and short term goals.
3. Guidance and support in lesson planning, learning materials, tutoring.
4. Training and learning opportunities.
5. Help in finding a safe and secure place to work with a learner.
6. Helping tutors feel part of a team.
7. Positive and constructive feedback.
8. Flexibility i.e. holidays.
9. Recognition from READ Surrey/White Rock Society.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our Coordinator at readswrs@gmail.com or 778.242.READ (7323). Our responsibility is to answer your questions and provide you with the support you need.

**Volunteer Tutor Application**

**Date:**

**Surname**: **First Name:**

**Address:**

 **Postal Code:**

**Phone:**  OK to share **Cell** OK to share

*Please tell us which number would be ok to share with a learner.*

**Email Address:**

**Occupation:**

**Educational background:**

**Volunteer Experience:**

**Interests/Hobbies:**

**Comments/Additional Information/Special Skills:**

**Emergency Contact:**

**When are you available for tutoring?**

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Criminal Record Check: