



Literacy Volunteers – Androscoggin

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Dear Potential Volunteer,

Thank you for your interest in our English Conversation Program. Our program matches an English speaker with an English learner. We ask for a commitment of one hour a week for one year. The purpose of the program is to give people learning English an opportunity to hear and produce conversational English, learn about idioms and slang and our American culture. This program often fills an important gap in learner's lives as they, by necessity, speak their home language with their families and because academic programs often do not focus on conversation.

Please fill in the enclosed application, answer the last four questions on a separate sheet of paper and mail it to us at the above address. Upon receipt of your application we will call you to set up a short orientation (about two hours). After you attend the orientation, you will be matched with an English Language Learner from our waiting list whose contact and background information we will provide you with. You will be responsible to contact your new partner and set up meetings at times convenient to both of you.

I am available to answer questions any time during your application process or after you are matched with a partner. Thank you again for your interest in our program. Being a conversation partner can begin a fascinating and fulfilling time in your life. The Literacy Volunteers staff looks forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,
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Literacy Volunteers-Androscoggin English Conversation Partners Program Application

First name _____ Last name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Work phone _____ Email _____

Best time & method to reach you: _____

Gender M F Date of Birth _____

Ethnic background _____

Availability

Day: Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

Time: _____

Describe previous volunteer experience: _____

Do you have transportation? _____

Do you speak any languages besides English? _____

What is your educational background? _____

What kinds of jobs have you had? _____

What are some of your hobbies or interests? _____

How did you hear about our program? _____

Partner Preferences

What language ability do you prefer to work with?

Beginner Intermediate Advanced No preference

Do you have a gender preference? Male Female No preference

Tell us if you have a language or cultural preference: _____

Are you willing to be paired with someone who does not meet this preference? ___

Please list two references:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Relationship _____ Years known _____

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Address _____

Relationship _____ Years known _____

Please answer the following questions on another sheet of paper.

1. We ask for a one-hour a week commitment for a year. How do you see an hour plus driving fitting into your schedule?
2. Please describe a need you think new English Language Learners might have and how you might address it?
3. Please describe a need you think advanced English Language Learners might have and how you might address it?
4. What attracts you to this volunteer position?