



## ***Volunteer with the AARP Foundation Experience Corps***

### **Why Volunteer?**

Research shows that those who volunteer live longer, healthier lives. In addition to feeling great about your efforts, volunteers have the opportunity to:

- Explore personal interests and passions
- Make a positive impact in the life of a child
- Learn, grow, and HAVE FUN!

### **Volunteer Benefits**

- Access to free training and workshops to enhance mentoring and tutoring skills
- Develop meaningful relationships with young people and fellow volunteers
- Volunteers serving between 2-3 hours a day, 2-3 days a week may receive a stipend
- Develop leadership skills in a friendly environment

### **What is AARP Foundation Experience Corps?**

The AARP Foundation Experience Corps program brings seniors 50+ into public elementary schools and after school programs to tutor and mentor children who are at risk of academic failure. The program began in 1995 in five cities and has grown to include 22 sites. Currently there are nearly 2,000 Experience Corps tutors serving more than 20,000 students.

Experience Corps is more than a nonprofit program and a school-based intervention. It's an important social invention designed to capture the tidal wave of talent we have in older Americans today and use it to solve serious social problems, beginning with literacy.

### **How can I help?**

Carver Community Organization, a non-profit organization with the vision of “*Changing Lives Through Unique Programs,*” has taken on the role to host the AARP Foundation Experience Corps program in our area.

You can help create a safe, healthy and caring environment that will nurture the leaders of the future, helping them to become successful members of our community.

To apply, visit Carver Community Organization, 504 SE 8<sup>th</sup> St., Evansville, IN for an application or the web at, [www.aarp.org/experiencecorps](http://www.aarp.org/experiencecorps). Contact (812)402-3170 ext. 2102 for more information.



**MEMBER/VOLUNTEER APPLICATION**

**2018-2019**

**DATA/CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt.# \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Please give work or cell phone number if applicable)

Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Gender (check one)  M  F

Race (check one)  Black or African American  White  Hispanic/Latino  
 American Indian or Alaska Native  Asian  Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander  
 Other

Are you a United States citizen?  Yes  No

**AVAILABILITY**

Please check the available days. List times of availability.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday

Do you have any medical or physical conditions for which we would need to make special accommodations?  Yes  No If yes explain below.

**SCREENING PROCESS**

AARP Foundation Experience Corps Evansville volunteers are subject to the following to ensure the safety and well-being of our children:

- Screening interview
- Submit two references (which will be checked)
- Undergo criminal background check, and other possible security measures
- Complete all required paperwork

**WORK/VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE** (Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent)

Highest level of education completed (check one)

High school graduate/GED    Some college    College graduate    Post graduate

What was your occupation for most of your career?

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List volunteering experiences you have had, especially those that are relevant to tutoring or mentoring. Name the organization or group and describe the type of volunteer service you provided.

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What other organizations are you connected with? (Neighborhood, church, retirement group, labor union, professional association, sports group, etc.)

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What kinds of experience have you had interacting with children? (Please include experience with your own children, grandchildren, foster children, Sunday School, etc.)

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**INTERESTS/SKILLS**

What are your special skills, interests, talents or hobbies?

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**SERVICE INTERESTS**

Why do you want to volunteer with Experience Corps? What do you hope to learn?

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How did you hear about Experience Corps? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a primary caregiver for a child or an adult?

\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_ No

Volunteers in Carver programs go through an application and screening process similar to that of our paid staff members. This process ensures that the best fit is made between the new volunteer and the child/children they are matched with, while ensuring the safety of our participants, staff and all of our volunteers.

Before starting as a volunteer with the AARP Foundation Experience Corps program at Carver, a staff member will walk you through the following steps of our application process:

1. **Application:** Volunteers provide background and contact information including an identification check.

2. **Interview:** A Carver staff member and prospective volunteer ask questions of each other to make sure the best possible match is made.

3. **Criminal Background Check:** All program volunteers must complete the Central Registry and Indiana State Background Check, NSOPR and FBI Check to ensure the safety of all. Having a criminal background does not necessarily prevent someone from volunteering; situations will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

4. **Reference Checks:** We complete two reference checks on each of our new volunteers and members.

5. **Job Description:** We provide our volunteers with a job description so expectations are clear for all parties.

Project Director provides mandatory pre-service trainings for new and returning volunteers. Required monthly staff meetings provide in-house training on a variety of topics such as literacy skills for early learners, technology skills, behavioral management skills, healthy vs. unhealthy lifestyle, keeping physically fit, and how to relate to the modern child.

**REFERENCES**

Please list two individuals who we may call for references.

1. WORK ASSOCIATE

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you \_\_\_\_\_

2. PERSONAL REFERENCE (NON-FAMILY)

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you \_\_\_\_\_

*Carver believes that equal opportunity in employment is important for the continuing success of our organization. In order to provide equal employment and advancement opportunities to all individuals, employment decisions are based on merit, qualifications, and competence. Carver's Service does not discriminate in employment opportunities or practices on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law. This policy governs all aspects of employment including selection, job assignment, compensation, discipline, termination, access to benefits and training, and any other terms and conditions of employment. It is important that Board and staff composition reflect that of the community and recruitment efforts will be focused to this standard. However, final selection and employment decisions are always based on merit, qualifications and competence for the position.*

Additional information for security clearance will be required.

**I certify that I have not been convicted of any criminal activity that may prevent me from being a part of the AARP Foundation Experience Corps Evansville Program. Furthermore, all of the statements made in this application are true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and are made in good faith. I understand that misinformation or omission of information could result in disqualification as an AARP Foundation Experience Corps volunteer member.**

**Volunteer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Program Director Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

Please return application to: Carver Community Organization  
400 S. E. 8<sup>th</sup> St.  
Evansville, Indiana 47713

Attn: AARP Foundation Experience Corps Evansville Program Director