

AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Program Position Description

Purpose

AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Volunteers provide individualized support to children with special or exceptional needs by serving as caring mentors, tutors, and positive role models. Volunteers serve an average of 20 hours per week in schools and early childhood education settings, helping children strengthen their academic, social, emotional, language, motor, and cognitive development.

Through meaningful intergenerational relationships, Foster Grandparents encourage children to reach their full potential while enriching their own lives through purposeful service. By sharing their time, compassion, and life experience, volunteers help build stronger children, stronger schools, and stronger communities.

Qualification

To serve as an AmeriCorps Senior Foster Grandparent Volunteer, applicants must:

- Be 55 years of age or older.
- Be able to pass the National Service Criminal History Check.
- Be able to perform the duties of a Foster Grandparent Volunteer without detriment to themselves or the children served.
- Be willing to accept supervision and follow program and station policies and procedures.

Rewards

As an AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Volunteer, you will experience the rewards of meaningful service, including:

- Building meaningful friendships and increasing social connections.
- Improving your overall health and well-being.
- Gaining a sense of purpose, fulfillment, and accomplishment.
- Making a lasting, positive impact in a child's life.
- Sharing your knowledge, life experience, and compassion with the next generation.
- Helping children build confidence, develop new skills, and achieve success.

Benefits

AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Volunteers receive valuable benefits while serving their community, including:

- Pre-service orientation and ongoing in-service training opportunities.

- Supplemental accident and liability insurance while serving.
- Transportation reimbursement or assistance with arranged transportation.
- Free meals while on duty or meal reimbursement.
- Annual volunteer recognition and appreciation events.
- An hourly stipend of \$4.00 per hour for eligible Foster Grandparent Volunteers.
- Paid time off and paid holidays for eligible stipend Volunteers.

*For individuals who meet income eligibility requirements, the stipend is a non-taxable, non-reportable supplement and does not affect eligibility for other programs and services.

Expectations

As an AmeriCorps Senior Foster Grandparent Volunteer, you are expected to:

- Understand the role of a Foster Grandparent Volunteer and follow the direction of station staff and the Foster Grandparent Program staff.
- Maintain regular communication with station staff and the Foster Grandparent Program staff.
- Maintain confidentiality regarding children, families, and program information.
- Accurately complete and submit required documents, including timesheets.
- Comply with all facilities and stations, AmeriCorps Seniors, and Foster Grandparent Program policies, procedures, and regulations.
- Attend all required pre-service orientation, in-service trainings, and program meetings.

Stipend Eligibility Guidelines

* For individuals whose income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines after allowable medical deductions, the hourly stipend is a non-taxable, non-reportable supplement. The stipend does not affect eligibility for other programs and services.

2026 Federal Income Guidelines

To qualify for the stipend, monthly household income must not exceed:

The 2026 Federal income guidelines are:

Family of 1 – not to exceed \$3,192 a month

Family of 2 – not to exceed \$4,328 a month

Family of 3 – not to exceed \$5,464 a month

Family of 4 – not to exceed \$6,600 a month

Family of 5 – not to exceed \$7,736 a month

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AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Program Volunteer Application

Thank you for your interest in serving with the AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Program. We appreciate your willingness to share your time, experience, and compassion to support children and strengthen our community.

Personal Information

Full Name:	Phone:	
Physical Address:		
Mailing Address:		
Email:	Date of Birth:	Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female
Married: ☐ Single: ☐ Widowed: ☐ Divorced: ☐ Are you a Veteran? Yes ☐ No ☐		
How did you hear about the Foster Grandparent Program?		
What makes you feel you would be a successful Foster Grandparent Volunteer?		
Language(s) Spoken:		
List hobbies/special skills:		
How many hours are you willing to serve per week? (Circle one) 15 20 25 Other:		

Monthly Income Source(s) & Amount(s)

Foster Grandparent Program Volunteers, who are income-eligible, receive a non-taxable stipend to reimburse them for their time. Please help us to determine your eligibility.

Social Security: \$ _____	Spouse's Income: \$ _____
Pension/Annuity \$ _____	Other (explain): \$ _____
Monthly Totals	\$ _____

Reference Sheet

REFERENCE 01

Name : Phone :

Address : Email :

Relationship :

How long have you know them :

REFERENCE 02

Name : Phone :

Address : Email :

Relationship :

How long have you know them :

REFERENCE 03

Name : Phone :

Address : Email :

Relationship :

How long have you know them :

I certify that the above references may be contacted in regard to my volunteer application.

Signature

Date

Foster Grandparent Program applicants are required to undergo a National Service Criminal History Check[1] (NSCHC 45 CFR 2540.204, Feb 24, 2021), which includes:

- A nationwide check of the National Sex Offender Public
- A check of the State criminal history record repository or agency-designated alternative for the individual's State of residence and State of service; and
- A fingerprint-based check of the FBI criminal history record database through the State criminal history record repository or agency-approved vendor.

An applicant who refuses to undergo the NSCHC will not be enrolled. An applicant will be disqualified for providing a false statement in response to the inquiry about criminal history or for failure to disclose information required to determine eligibility.

An applicant with open cases will not be enrolled but may reapply after a final ruling has been made. Results are reviewed, and decisions are made by the Program Supervisor, the Department of Senior Affairs Sponsor Representative, and/or FGP Advisory Council Members.

I agree to undergo the NSCHC process; I understand that selection into the program is contingent upon the review of results and that a candidate can be disqualified for any one of, but not limited to, the following reasons regardless of the timeframe from the incident:

- Murder conviction
- Child abuse/neglect
- Drug trafficking/distribution
- Criminal sexual penetration (or any sex offense which requires the applicant to be registered on a sex offender registry)

I understand that I will be provided with a reasonable opportunity to review and challenge the factual accuracy of the results before action is taken to exclude me from a volunteer position

Signature

Date

This program is available to all, without discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, pregnancy, religion, age, national origin, genetic information, disability, military status, familial status, political affiliation, or any other characteristic protected by law.

[1] Title 45- Public Welfare, 10-1-2014 / Code of Federal Regulations

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