



## CORRECTIONS- VOLUNTEER INSIGHT

Please be completely honest on your applications. Correction facilities are very supportive of past histories as long as they are honestly communicated up front.

**Attire and Appearance:** To ensure safety in the facility, volunteers must adhere to the following standards: • Avoid dressing in clothing that matches inmates' state-issued clothing. Facility heads may approve volunteers wearing jeans in facilities • Demonstrate good hygiene • No clothing that depicts gang affiliation, racial slurs, profane or obscene subject matter, tobacco or alcohol products, or any other type of contraband • No provocative or revealing clothing • No shirts or blouses with an open midriff • No shorts or short skirts • No tank tops, halter-tops, or see-through fabrics • Shoes are mandatory • Wear proper under garments.

**IDOC Eligibility Criteria:** To be eligible for any IDOC volunteer category, individuals must meet the following criteria: • Eighteen years of age or older. • US citizen or legal authorization to be in the country. • Within the past three years, no adult felony convictions, or incarcerations, nor any misdemeanor drug-related convictions, unless the Prisons Division deputy chief or Probation and Parole Division deputy chief grants an exception by approving the initial application for volunteer service. • No outstanding warrants or pending criminal charges. • Former IDOC employees and contractors must not have been terminated for cause.

Volunteers can be an approved visitor of immediate family members, as defined in Visiting, [604.02.01.001](#). However, volunteers cannot volunteer at the same facility where they visit, unless specifically approved by the facility head to continue volunteer services and visits at that facility.

### **How IDOC works:**

- **Level 1 Volunteer (YELLOW BADGE):** Constant staff or Level 2 volunteer escort and observation. All new volunteers begin as Level 1. Building hours towards 24 so can become Green badge.
- **Level 2 Volunteer (GREEN BADGE):** Does not require constant staff escort; must demonstrate an ability to work successfully in the prison environment, have at least 24 hours of volunteer service in the facility, and receive approval from the VRC and Deputy Warden of the facility.
- **Limited-Service Volunteer:** Enter the facility less than four (4) times in one year for a special event, i.e. one-time guest speaker. Limited-Service volunteers are not required to complete the training requirements but do need to complete an application.