

# National Occupational Standards

for Managers of  
Volunteer Resources



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# Introduction

The National Occupational Standard provides a foundation for the further development of key human resource and career planning tools.

## Development of National Occupational Standard

The HR Council for the Nonprofit Sector's (HR Council) *Skills and Leadership Development in Canada's Nonprofit Sector* initiative was a 27-month undertaking that involved three component projects. This project focused on developing and validating a National Occupational Standard (NOS) for the Manager of Volunteer Resources occupation. The NOS provides a foundation for the further development of key human resource and career planning tools including:

- Developing tools used to recruit Managers of Volunteer Resources and evaluate performance
- Developing tools for prospective employees and incumbents for career planning and management
- Developing the professional development resources used to upgrade skills over time

The development process began with occupational research about the Manager of Volunteer Resources position that was used to create an occupational profile, which was bolstered by key informant interviews. The occupational research also informed an implementation strategy for future distribution and use of the finalized NOS. The feedback of the advisory committee was incorporated into both the occupational profile and the implementation strategy.

Using the occupational profile as a base, a committee composed of Managers of Volunteer Resources from across the country met for 2.5 days in September 2011. This meeting produced a draft National Occupational Standard, which will be reviewed by the advisory committee. The approved NOS draft was then taken to four regional validation meetings across the country. In these meetings, committees composed of Managers of Volunteer Resources from across the country discussed, augmented, revised and validated the original NOS draft. This National Occupational Standard was approved and finalized by the advisory committee.

## Scope of occupation

Managers of Volunteer Resources plan and implement initiatives and services to ensure the successful operation of volunteer-supported organizations in the nonprofit sector. Managers are responsible for defining the roles of volunteers, creating schedules and matching volunteer job tasks to organizational needs. They recruit and screen volunteers and provide them with ongoing training, supervision and support. They retain existing volunteer participation through effective management, team-building strategies and the recognition of individual volunteer accomplishments. They create policies and procedures to protect clients, organizations and volunteers from risk. They may develop operating budgets, and maintain office records and databases. Managers of Volunteer Resources actively seek opportunities to enhance the lives of clients, community groups and volunteers, in addition to fulfilling the goals of the organization. They may support fundraising activities or collaborate with other groups to accomplish goals and meet growing financial demands. Managers must have a positive, caring attitude, be effective problem solvers, have a familiarity with changing technologies and employ effective communication and leadership skills to manage the continually changing needs of the organization.

## About the HR Council

The HR Council for the Nonprofit Sector is a national, nonprofit organization committed to the enhancement and development of a highly skilled workforce that is focused on building better communities and improving the lives of Canadians. It addresses labour force issues in the nonprofit sector. As a convener, research instigator and information-sharing body, the HR Council's priorities are:

- Strengthening human resource management practices
- Supporting skills development and work-related learning
- Promoting a culture of diversity and inclusion
- Fostering leadership development and succession
- Building and sharing knowledge

# Occupational environment

The tremendous diversity of organizations that employ Managers of Volunteer Resources gives rise to different working environments.

## Working environment

Managers of Volunteer Resources work in public and private sector companies, health care facilities, service providers, social service agencies, organizations focusing on sports and recreation, religious institutions and a wide range of other organizations that require volunteers on a regular basis. These settings include registered charities and voluntary organizations.

The tremendous diversity of organizations that employ Managers of Volunteer Resources gives rise to different working environments. They may find themselves working indoors, outdoors, on various sites, or in urban or rural areas. Their work location depends on the nonprofit's mission, programs and services, ongoing projects, and clients or beneficiaries. From time to time, Managers of Volunteer Resources may be required to attend volunteer recruiting events or participate in fundraisers and other charity functions in a support role.

The noise levels, ventilation, safety hazards and other working conditions will also vary, based on the location where they supervise volunteers or visit them periodically to check on their work. In cases where workplace safety may be a concern, the use of personal protective gear and safety equipment is necessary to comply with occupational health and safety standards. Sufficient lighting should be provided in all work areas.

## Physical requirements

This managerial position entails minimal manual labour in the exercise of regular functions. Duties such as planning, networking, advocacy, human resources management, supervisory oversight, and administrative tasks involve sitting at their desk jobs, walking around to conduct inspections, and getting in touch with people at work or outside. Some travel may be called for to attend events, conferences and workshops, so ability to drive and to take trips is a consideration.

With increasing dependence on online and mobile technology, Managers of Volunteer Resources may also spend more time at the computer or on their cell phone. Those who are tech-savvy may augment the traditional methods of meeting people, communicating and advertising with virtual networking. For example, they may use online social media sites to recruit volunteers and promote events.

Managers of Volunteer Resources may shuttle between office work and daily rounds to interact with volunteers and staff, or go out to attend events or meetings with stakeholders. They should be able to monitor sites of operations to observe volunteers and evaluate their performance. Occasionally, they may perform hands-on activities when supervising, coaching, mentoring, or demonstrating certain tasks on the job or during training sessions.

## Human interactions

The functions of Managers of Volunteer Resources place them at the hub of the programs and services offered by their nonprofit organizations. They work behind the scenes in an administrative capacity; on the other hand, they directly supervise volunteer service operations. Their position also brings them to the forefront of outreach and networking activities. They actively promote the organization's mission and its benefits to the public in order to increase volunteer participation.

Managers of Volunteer Resources initiate and cultivate internal and external relationships. Acting as intermediaries between volunteers and staff/management, they arrange training, volunteer placements and work schedules; conduct performance evaluation and volunteer recognition; and attend meetings. While they interact with volunteers, co-workers and management on a regular basis, they also find time to socialize with stakeholders and the larger community. They establish new contacts to explore new avenues for volunteer recruitment. Engaging in public relations is essential to form beneficial partnerships and broaden their base of associates.

# Major categories

## Category A Develop Volunteer Services

TASK A1	
<b>Assess organizational volunteer needs and opportunities</b> <i>Managers of Volunteer Resources identify gaps and volunteer needs within the organization. They consult with colleagues regarding roles for volunteers; they also target volunteers for new positions.</i>	
Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
1.1 Identify where volunteers exist in organization	Knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Needs assessment</li> <li>Gap analysis</li> <li>Organization</li> <li>Community</li> </ul> Ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communicate</li> <li>Analyze</li> <li>Research</li> </ul>
1.2 Identify strengths in organization	
1.3 Identify where gaps are in organization	
1.4 Consult with staff	
1.5 Identify roles for volunteers	
1.6 Identify target volunteers	

## TASK A2

### Research related programs and services

*Managers of Volunteer Resources research related organizations and compare the programs and services of these organizations with their own. They maintain contact with colleagues in related organizations.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
2.1 Identify other related programs and services	Knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community</li> <li>• Sector</li> <li>• Research methods</li> <li>• Analysis methods</li> <li>• Computer skills</li> </ul> Ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research</li> <li>• Analyze</li> <li>• Communicate</li> </ul>
2.2 Perform primary and secondary research	
2.3 Establish contacts within related organizations	
2.4 Identify differences and similarities between your programs/services/partners and others	
2.5 Conduct initial risk assessment	

## TASK A3

### Develop goals and objectives for volunteer services

*Managers of Volunteer Resources ensure that the objectives of volunteer services align with those of the organization. They consult with stakeholders during strategic planning in order to determine the objectives to guide the operation of volunteer services.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
3.1 Review mission and vision of organization	Knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organization</li> <li>• Resource materials</li> <li>• Strategic planning process</li> <li>• Goal setting/writing</li> </ul> Ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analyze</li> </ul>
3.2 Align volunteer services' goals with mission statement	
3.3 Consult with stakeholders (e.g., senior management, staff, existing volunteers)	
3.4 Participate in strategic planning, if applicable	

## TASK A4

### Develop policies and procedures for volunteer services

*Managers of Volunteer Resources consult with stakeholders to review, refine and approve the organization's policies and procedures according to best practices. They distribute finalized policies and procedures to colleagues and volunteers.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
<p>4.1 Identify which policies and procedures are needed</p> <p>4.2 Consult with stakeholders on policies and procedures</p> <p>4.3 Review existing organizational policies and procedures</p> <p>4.4 Research best practices and existing policies and procedures from similar organizations</p> <p>4.5 Write policies and procedures</p> <p>4.6 Submit for review and approval</p> <p>4.7 Finalize based on feedback</p> <p>4.8 Disseminate new policies and procedures</p> <p>4.9 Arrange training for staff and volunteers on the policies and procedures</p>	<p>Knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communities</li> <li>• Organization</li> <li>• Policy and procedure writing</li> <li>• Appropriate distribution channels</li> </ul> <p>Ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research</li> <li>• Consult</li> <li>• Write</li> </ul>

## TASK A5

### Develop supporting tools and resources for volunteer services (e.g., forms, databases, manuals, I.D. badges)

*Managers of Volunteer Resources evaluate existing tools and resources according to feedback in order to identify any additional tool or resource needs. They distribute these tools and resources and are responsible for arranging any related training.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
<p>5.1 Research required tools and resources</p> <p>5.2 Determine information needed for particular tool and resource development</p> <p>5.3 Research and evaluate existing tools and resources</p> <p>5.4 Develop required tools and resources</p> <p>5.5 Obtain feedback on developed tools and resources</p> <p>5.6 Revise based on feedback</p> <p>5.7 Distribute supporting tools and resources</p> <p>5.8 Arrange training regarding the use of developed tools and resources</p>	<p>Knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policies and procedures</li> <li>• Organization</li> <li>• Information required by various stakeholders</li> <li>• Community</li> <li>• Distribution channels</li> <li>• How tools will be used</li> <li>• Computer applications (e.g., database development)</li> </ul> <p>Ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research</li> <li>• Consult</li> <li>• Write</li> </ul>



## TASK A6

### Develop evaluation plan for volunteer services

*Managers of Volunteer Resources establish a baseline measurement to gauge the performance of volunteer services against its objectives. They develop evaluation tools to aid in this comparison and revise the tools based on stakeholder feedback.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
6.1 Determine goals and objectives	<p>Knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organization</li> <li>• Information required by various stakeholders</li> <li>• Distribution channels</li> <li>• How tools will be used</li> <li>• Computer applications</li> <li>• Data analysis</li> </ul> <p>Ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research</li> <li>• Consult</li> <li>• Write</li> <li>• Conduct formative and summative evaluation</li> <li>• Communicate</li> </ul>
6.2 Determine the information needed	
6.3 Determine frequency of evaluation	
6.4 Establish baseline measurement	
6.5 Determine evaluation methods (e.g., surveys)	
6.6 Develop evaluation tools required	
6.7 Obtain feedback on tool	
6.8 Revise tool based on feedback	
6.9 Distribute tool, as required	
6.10 Reassess tool based on changes in organizational need	
6.11 Determine communication plan for the evaluation	

## TASK A7

### Implement evaluation plan for volunteer services

*Managers of Volunteer Resources determine the purpose and process of evaluation plans by consulting with stakeholders. They decide how the evaluation results will be presented and communicated to stakeholders. They determine how the organization will respond to the reported results.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
7.1 Identify purpose of evaluation	<p>Knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organization</li> <li>• Information required by various stakeholders</li> <li>• Distribution channels</li> <li>• How tools will be used</li> <li>• Computer applications</li> <li>• Data analysis</li> </ul> <p>Ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research</li> <li>• Consult</li> <li>• Write</li> <li>• Analyze</li> <li>• Communicate</li> </ul>
7.2 Identify process to be evaluated	
7.3 Research tool most appropriate for that evaluation	
7.4 Consult with appropriate stakeholders	
7.5 Determine evaluation timelines	
7.6 Determine communication of evaluation process and results	
7.7 Compile evaluation report	
7.8 Analyze evaluation data	
7.9 Communicate results	
7.10 Determine appropriate course of action	

## TASK A8

### Develop volunteer orientation and training plan

*Managers of Volunteer Resources determine the details of volunteer orientation and training. They decide which training formats, content, facilitators and schedules will be used in orientation and training programs. They communicate this information to stakeholders. Managers of Volunteer Resources also evaluate the effectiveness of orientation and training plans.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
8.1 Determine components of orientation and training	<p>Knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organization</li> <li>• Information required by various stakeholders</li> <li>• Distribution channels</li> <li>• How tools will be used</li> <li>• Computer applications</li> <li>• Data analysis</li> </ul> <p>Ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research</li> <li>• Consult</li> <li>• Write</li> <li>• Conduct formative and summative evaluation</li> <li>• Communicate</li> </ul>
8.2 Determine how orientation and training will be delivered (i.e., format)	
8.3 Design materials for orientation and training (e.g., presentation, workshop)	
8.4 Determine who will deliver orientation and training	
8.5 Determine frequency of orientation and training delivery	
8.6 Evaluate orientation and training plan and revise as necessary	
8.7 Communicate orientation and training plan	

## Category B

## Promote Volunteer Services

## TASK B1

### Inform stakeholders of volunteer services

*Managers of Volunteer Resources prepare information about volunteer services, identifying opportunities to share this information. They present this information to stakeholders and follow up as necessary.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
1.1 Identify stakeholders	<p>Knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stakeholders</li> <li>• Organization</li> <li>• Community</li> </ul> <p>Ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate</li> <li>• Use different delivery channels</li> </ul>
1.2 Determine information to be delivered	
1.3 Identify or create opportunities to deliver information	
1.4 Prepare information to be delivered	
1.5 Communicate information to stakeholders	
1.6 Follow up on information delivered	

## TASK B2

### Advocate for volunteer services to stakeholders

*Managers of Volunteer Resources identify the value and impact of volunteers within the organization and for the public. Capitalizing on opportunities for communication, they share this information with stakeholders.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
2.1 Identify value and impact of volunteers to the organization	<p>Knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stakeholders</li> <li>• Organization</li> <li>• Community</li> <li>• Volunteers</li> </ul> <p>Ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate</li> <li>• Persuade</li> <li>• Speak to audience's needs</li> <li>• Use different delivery channels</li> </ul>
2.2 Communicate value and impact of volunteering to the public	
2.3 Identify advocates within the organization to collaborate with	
2.4 Identify stakeholders and collaborators	
2.5 Identify or create opportunities to advocate	
2.6 Prepare information to be delivered	
2.7 Communicate information	
2.8 Follow up on information delivered	

## TASK B3

### Design communication plan for volunteer services

*Managers of Volunteer Resources design communication plans that are informed by organizational goals, existing communication channels and research of existing communication plans. They submit communication plans to stakeholders for review on a regular basis and revise them as required.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
3.1 Determine desired outcomes	<p>Knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stakeholders</li> <li>• Organization</li> <li>• Community</li> <li>• Volunteers</li> <li>• Delivery channels (e.g., PSA*, social media)</li> <li>• Computer applications                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• *public service announcement</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speak to audience's needs</li> <li>• Use different delivery channels</li> <li>• Communicate</li> <li>• Persuade</li> <li>• Create effective messaging</li> <li>• Collaborate</li> </ul>
3.2 Identify communication channels	
3.3 Research existing communication plans	
3.4 Identify audiences and how to reach them	
3.5 Identify stakeholders (e.g., volunteers, clients, management) to review plan	
3.6 Determine frequency of review	
3.7 Disseminate draft plan for review	
3.8 Revise based on feedback	

## TASK B4

### Implement communication plan for volunteer services

*Managers of Volunteer Resources design and produce promotional materials to communicate information about volunteer services. They revise materials according to stakeholder feedback as necessary.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
4.1 Design materials (e.g., newsletters, promotional materials, social media)	Knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Computer applications</li> <li>• Promotional material businesses</li> <li>• Delivery channels</li> <li>• Policies and procedures</li> </ul> Ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be creative</li> <li>• Create effective messaging</li> </ul>
4.2 Produce materials	
4.3 Obtain feedback on materials	
4.4 Revise materials based on feedback	
4.5 Communicate materials accordingly	

## TASK B5

### Cultivate stakeholder and partner relationships

*Managers of Volunteer Resources keep track of communications with stakeholders and partners. They aim to engage and/or collaborate with these groups.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
5.1 Identify stakeholders and partners	Knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stakeholder groups</li> <li>• Methods of engagement</li> <li>• Cross-marketing opportunities</li> </ul> Ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborate with stakeholders</li> <li>• Build relationships</li> <li>• Communicate</li> </ul>
5.2 Identify frequency of contact with stakeholders partners	
5.3 Identify methods of engagement and collaboration opportunities (e.g., attend events, annual general meetings, share training opportunities)	
5.4 Identify cross-marketing opportunities (e.g., use their logo on your materials, have them use your logo on their materials)	
5.5 Explore opportunities to recognize stakeholder and partner contributions	

## TASK B6

### Review communication plan

*Managers of Volunteer Resources consult with stakeholders as they review the volunteer services' communication plans to identify gaps or possible changes, adjusting the plans as necessary.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
6.1 Review current communications practices	Knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stakeholders</li> <li>• Organization</li> <li>• Community</li> </ul> Ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate</li> <li>• Analyze</li> </ul>
6.2 Consult with stakeholders	
6.3 Identify gaps or changes	
6.4 Adjust plan	

## Category C Conduct Volunteer Recruitment

## TASK C1

### Assess need for volunteers

*Managers of Volunteer Resources consult with other staff to identify organizational needs, aligning individual volunteer positions with these needs. They identify the specific volunteer and training needs of volunteer services.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
1.1 Consult with staff to perform collaborative needs analysis	Knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Needs analysis</li> <li>• Programs</li> <li>• Organization</li> <li>• Scope of volunteer activities</li> <li>• Risks</li> </ul> Ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schedule</li> <li>• Collaborate</li> <li>• Communicate</li> <li>• Assess risk</li> </ul>
1.2 Identify placement-related risk	
1.3 Align volunteer position with organizational requirements	
1.4 Identify program-specific training needs	
1.5 Identify number of volunteers needed for each program	
1.6 Identify program schedule(s)	

## TASK C2

### Develop volunteer position description

*Managers of Volunteer Resources identify the specifics of individual volunteer positions. They determine the responsibilities, qualifications and time commitment required from volunteer applicants.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
2.1 Identify title and purpose of position	<p>Knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Needs analysis</li> <li>• Programs</li> <li>• Organization</li> <li>• Scope of volunteer activities</li> <li>• Risks</li> </ul> <p>Ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schedule</li> <li>• Collaborate</li> <li>• Be creative</li> <li>• Communicate</li> <li>• Assess risk</li> <li>• Write a position description</li> </ul>
2.2 Identify supervisor	
2.3 Identify shift	
2.4 Identify time commitment	
2.5 Identify responsibilities and boundaries	
2.6 Identify qualifications	
2.7 Identify benefits of position	
2.8 Consult with stakeholders	
2.9 Determine screening criteria	
2.10 Create volunteer position description	
2.11 Review with appropriate program staff	
2.12 Revise based on feedback	

## TASK C3

### Design recruitment strategy for volunteers

*Managers of Volunteer Resources create recruitment strategies to attract new volunteers. They communicate information about the benefits of volunteering in a way that reaches the target audience.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
3.1 Identify benefits of being a volunteer	<p>Knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Targeted groups</li> <li>• Benefits to volunteers</li> <li>• Delivery channels</li> <li>• How to contact targeted groups</li> </ul> <p>Ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be creative</li> <li>• Communicate</li> <li>• Inspire</li> <li>• Design materials</li> </ul>
3.2 Identify if a particular group needs to be targeted (e.g., youth, professionals, baby boomers)	
3.3 Identify target specific recruitment channels	

## TASK C4

### Implement recruitment strategy for volunteers

*Managers of Volunteer Resources create promotional material that is directed to the target audience for specific volunteer positions. They decide how to communicate with potential volunteers about the application process.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
4.1 Create promotional material specific to volunteer placement and target audience	<p>Knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Targeted groups</li> <li>• Benefits to volunteers</li> <li>• Delivery channels</li> <li>• How to contact targeted groups</li> </ul> <p>Ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be creative</li> <li>• Communicate</li> <li>• Inspire</li> <li>• Persuade</li> <li>• Design materials</li> </ul>
4.2 Determine application process, including criteria necessary for acceptance or rejection	
4.3 Identify and attend promotional opportunities	
4.4 Disseminate promotional material (e.g., posters, postings)	
4.5. Collect applications	

## TASK C5

### Select applicants for interviews

*Managers of Volunteer Resources use the organization's established criteria to select volunteer applicants for interviews. They are responsible for arranging the schedule for the interviews.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
5.1 Review applications according to established criteria and clarify information with applicant, if necessary	<p>Knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Screening criteria</li> <li>• Screening process</li> <li>• Programs</li> </ul> <p>Ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Select suitable candidates</li> <li>• Make decisions</li> <li>• Communicate</li> <li>• Create schedule</li> </ul>
5.2 Consult with appropriate staff	
5.2 Create list of candidates	
5.3 Schedule interviews	
5.4 Offer alternative volunteer opportunities for candidates not chosen for current opportunity	

## TASK C6

### Conduct applicant interviews

*Managers of Volunteer Resources conduct volunteer position interviews with selected candidates. During this time, they introduce volunteer applicants to the organization; they also engage applicants with questions about the applicants' qualifications. Managers of Volunteer Resources explain any further steps in the process to the applicants.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
6.1 Select appropriate interview tool (e.g., form)	<p>Knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policies and procedures (e.g., who conducts interview and number of interviewers)</li> <li>• Cultural differences</li> <li>• Programs</li> <li>• Local labour legislation</li> </ul> <p>Ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use interview tool effectively</li> <li>• Conduct interviews (e.g., rephrase question if necessary)</li> <li>• Listen</li> <li>• Interpret cultural differences</li> </ul>
6.2 Welcome candidate	
6.3 Explain organization and placement	
6.4 Ask candidate questions	
6.5 Record candidate responses	
6.6. Provide opportunity for candidate to ask questions	
6.7 Explain next steps (e.g., ask for references if not provided, perform reference check)	

## TASK C7

### Administer third-party screening (references, criminal records)

*Managers of Volunteer Resources run third-party screenings on new volunteer applicants. Based on the screening results, they determine whether applicants are suitable for available volunteer positions. They contact the applicants with the results of the screening review.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
7.1 Conduct third-party checks (e.g., references, police check, driver's abstract)	<p>Knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Risk</li> <li>• Policies and procedures</li> <li>• Programs</li> <li>• Legislation</li> <li>• How to obtain third-party checks</li> </ul> <p>Ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inform candidate of how to obtain checks</li> <li>• Read police check</li> <li>• Read driver's abstract</li> <li>• Communicate</li> </ul>
7.2 Follow up with applicant if necessary	
7.3 Determine applicant suitability	
7.4 Contact applicant to accept or reject application	
7.5 Document all information	



# Category D Provide Volunteer Orientation

TASK D1	
<b>Arrange orientation for volunteers</b> <i>Managers of Volunteer Resources consult with other staff to identify organizational needs, aligning individual volunteer positions with these needs. They identify the specific volunteer and training needs of volunteer services.</i>	
Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
1.1 Schedule orientation 1.2 Book facilities (e.g., room, food, AV equipment) 1.3 Arrange for facilitator and other speakers 1.4 Compile materials 1.5 Invite candidates to attend 1.6 Confirm agenda and participants	Knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to conduct an orientation session</li> <li>• How to reserve facility</li> <li>• Scheduling</li> <li>• Policies and procedures</li> <li>• Organization</li> </ul> Ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organize</li> <li>• Plan</li> <li>• Communicate</li> </ul>

## TASK D2

### Conduct orientation for volunteers

*Managers of Volunteer Resources conduct volunteer orientation. During orientation, they provide new volunteers with an introduction to the organization and a review of applicable policies and procedures.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
2.1 Welcome volunteers	<p>Knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to conduct an orientation session</li> <li>• How to reserve facility</li> <li>• Scheduling</li> <li>• Policies and procedures</li> <li>• Facility layout</li> <li>• Organization</li> <li>• Adult learning principles</li> </ul> <p>Ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate</li> <li>• Organize</li> <li>• Plan</li> <li>• Communicate</li> <li>• Problem solve</li> <li>• Troubleshoot</li> </ul>
2.2 Review agenda	
2.3 Provide overview of organization and program	
2.4 Review policies and procedures, relevant legislation and regulations, and safety guidelines	
2.5 Provide other relevant details (e.g., where to park)	
2.6 Provide tour of facility, if applicable	
2.7 Revise orientation based on evaluation	

## TASK D3

### Confirm volunteer placement(s)

*Managers of Volunteer Resources confirm the details of volunteers' placements. They schedule volunteers who have assigned positions and arrange for volunteers to receive and complete all required materials and forms according to policies and procedures.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
3.1 Formally accept your volunteer	<p>Knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personality traits of existing staff and volunteers</li> <li>• Policies and procedures</li> <li>• Program</li> </ul> <p>Ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicate</li> <li>• Make decisions</li> <li>• Schedule</li> <li>• Match</li> </ul>
3.2 Match volunteers with appropriate position	
3.3 Communicate selection with staff	
3.4 Schedule volunteer for first shift	
3.5 Identify supervisor for volunteer	
3.6 Arrange for someone to meet with new volunteer on first day (e.g., staff member, volunteer)	
3.7 Distribute materials (e.g., forms, manuals, name tags, pass cards, uniforms)	
3.8 Distribute and collect forms (including evaluation) and other signed materials	
3.9 Communicate need and purpose for training to volunteer	

## TASK D4

### Provide for placement-specific training

*Managers of Volunteer Resources communicate to volunteers the need for appropriate training. They arrange for and organize volunteer training.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
4.1 Determine need for training	<p>Knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to reserve facility</li> <li>• Scheduling</li> <li>• Policies and procedures</li> <li>• Organization</li> <li>• Adult learning principles</li> <li>• Placement requirements</li> </ul> <p>Ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate</li> <li>• Organize</li> <li>• Plan</li> <li>• Communicate</li> <li>• Problem solve</li> <li>• Troubleshoot</li> </ul>
4.2 Communicate training	
4.3 Research training alternatives	
4.4 Select appropriate training	
4.5 Schedule training	
4.6 Book facilities (e.g., room, food, AV equipment)	
4.7 Arrange for facilitator	
4.8 Compile materials	
4.9 Invite volunteers to attend	
4.10 Conduct training, if applicable	
4.11 Record training completion	
4.12 Evaluate and revise training, if required	

## Category E

## Maintain Volunteer Services Records

### TASK E1

#### Establish secure storage for volunteer records

*Managers of Volunteer Resources determine which volunteer services records should be maintained and what storage will be required to house these records. They also determine the level of access other staff members will have to these records.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
1.1 Determine records to be maintained (e.g., records, timeframes)	<p>Knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policies and procedures</li> <li>• Organization</li> <li>• Storage methods</li> <li>• Relevant regulations</li> <li>• Best practices</li> </ul> <p>Ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research</li> <li>• Analyze</li> </ul>
1.2 Identify requirements of secure storage location for paper and/or electronic records	
1.3 Identify location of storage	
1.4 Create storage location, if not existing	
1.5 Identify staff access levels for secure files	

## TASK E2

### Create volunteer files (e.g., paper and electronic)

*Managers of Volunteer Resources create volunteer records based on required information. They ensure that these records are filed in a cohesive system according to policies and procedures.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
2.1 Establish volunteer file checklist 2.2 Acquire necessary materials (e.g., folders, tabs) 2.3 Establish method of filing (e.g., alphabetical, per program) 2.4 Ensure all documents are in file (e.g., application, confidentiality forms) 2.5 Transfer data from paper file to database 2.6 Ensure secure storage	Knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policies and procedures</li> <li>• Organization</li> </ul> Ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research</li> <li>• Analyze</li> <li>• Attend to detail</li> </ul>

## TASK E3

### Update volunteer records (e.g., hours, personal information)

*Managers of Volunteer Resources update and verify volunteer records to reflect actual volunteer hours worked. They also ensure that volunteers' contact information is current.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
3.1 Determine how data will be captured (e.g., timesheets, computer system) 3.2 Collect volunteer hours 3.3 Enter data into volunteer record (i.e., either from paper or computer) 3.4 Reconcile hours with schedules to verify hours are correct 3.5 Follow up with volunteer or staff to clarify discrepancies, if applicable 3.6 Ensure personal information is up to date 3.7 Determine authorized user access 3.8 Place updates in volunteer files 3.9 Ensure secure storage	Knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policies and procedures</li> <li>• Organization</li> <li>• Storage methods</li> </ul> Ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research</li> <li>• Analyze</li> <li>• Communicate</li> <li>• Attend to detail</li> </ul>

## TASK E4

### Update third-party screening (e.g., criminal, credit, driver's abstract etc.)

*Managers of Volunteer Resources review policies and procedures to determine need for third-party screening updates. If new screenings are required, they contact volunteers to make arrangements and monitor the completion of these screenings.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
4.1 Determine need for updating third-party screening	Knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policies and procedures</li> <li>• Organization</li> <li>• Screening methods</li> </ul> Ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research</li> <li>• Analyze</li> <li>• Communicate</li> </ul>
4.2 Review relevant policies, regulations, and legislation	
4.3 Contact volunteers to request updating of third-party screening	
4.4 Provide information to volunteers, if required	
4.5 Follow up to ensure third-party screening is complete	
4.6 Update personal file	

## TASK E5

### Generate statistical reports (e.g., hours, demographics)

*Managers of Volunteer Resources create statistical reports according to organizational requirements and stakeholder requests. They ensure that information is correct before sharing statistical analyses with stakeholders.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
5.1 Establish reporting needs	Knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policies and procedures</li> <li>• Organization</li> <li>• Reporting</li> </ul> Ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research</li> <li>• Analyze</li> <li>• Communicate</li> </ul>
5.2 Determine frequency of reporting	
5.3 Respond to reporting requests, as required	
5.4 Produce reports	
5.5 Review report for accuracy and revise as necessary	
5.6 Analyze report	
5.7 Distribute reports accordingly	

## TASK E6

### Archive volunteer records

*Managers of Volunteer Resources keep volunteer records in accordance with policies and procedures. They keep records current by archiving older information to secure storage.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
6.1 Review relevant policies, regulations or legislation	Knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policies and procedures</li> <li>• Organization</li> <li>• Storage methods</li> </ul> Ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend to detail</li> </ul>
6.2 Obtain file	
6.3 File in archive section of secure storage	
6.4 Close file in database	

## TASK E7

### Destroy or delete volunteer records

*Managers of Volunteer Resources securely destroy volunteer records in accordance with policies and procedures.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
7.1 Identify which records to destroy according to policies and procedures	Knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policies and procedures</li> <li>• Organization</li> </ul> Ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research</li> <li>• Analyze</li> </ul>
7.2 Destroy in a secure manner (i.e., shred, remove from database)	
7.3 Update report of destroyed files	

# Category F Perform Administrative Tasks

TASK F1	
<b>Respond to inquiries (e.g., email, phone)</b> <i>Managers of Volunteer Resources listen and respond to volunteer services inquiries according to the organization's communications protocol.</i>	
Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
1.1 Read/listen to inquiry 1.2 Determine response 1.3 Send response	Knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organization</li> <li>• Volunteer services</li> <li>• Computer applications</li> <li>• Organizational communication protocol</li> </ul> Ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicate</li> <li>• Write</li> </ul>

## TASK F2

### Contribute to budget process

*Managers of Volunteer Resources submit financial expenditure and revenue information to appropriate staff members. They provide explanation for budget variances, if necessary. They also negotiate budget requests for volunteer services.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
2.1 Collect appropriate information	Knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organization</li> <li>• Budgets</li> </ul> Ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research</li> <li>• Communicate</li> <li>• Perform calculations</li> </ul>
2.2 Research potential expenditures	
2.3 Substantiate budget requests	
2.4 Negotiate budget requests	
2.5 Submit materials	
2.6 Identify sources of revenue and collaboration	
2.7 Monitor and reconcile budget expenditures	
2.8 Communicate rationale for budget variances	

## TASK F3

### Reconcile volunteer services petty cash

*Managers of Volunteer Resources reconcile records of volunteer services petty cash. They verify expenses and cash amounts, requesting reimbursements as necessary.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
3.1 Collect receipts and appropriate documentation	Knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic bookkeeping</li> <li>• Organizational policies on expenses</li> </ul> Ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform calculations</li> <li>• Attend to detail</li> </ul>
3.2 Verify expenses	
3.3 Count cash	
3.4 Balance ledger	
3.5 Request reimbursements	



## TASK F4

### Monitor supplies and equipment

*Managers of Volunteer Resources determine the supply and/or equipment needs of volunteer services and ensure that these needs are met. They monitor supplies and/or equipment for any needed repairs or replacement.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
4.1 Determine what supplies and equipment are required	Knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organizational needs</li> <li>Equipment maintenance</li> <li>How to access supplies</li> <li>Vendors</li> </ul> Ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Observe</li> <li>Analyze</li> </ul>
4.2 Determine equipment tracking process	
4.3 Check to ensure adequate supply	
4.4 Check to ensure equipment is in good working order	
4.5 Consult equipment budget	
4.6 Order supplies	
4.7 Plan for repairs	
4.8 Plan for supplies or equipment replacement	

## TASK F5

### Submit expense claims

*Managers of Volunteer Resources determine and report expenses of volunteer services to stakeholders.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
5.1 Determine expenses	Knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organizational policies</li> <li>Report procedure</li> </ul> Ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perform calculations</li> <li>Attend to detail</li> </ul>
5.2 Collect receipts	
5.3 Complete report	
5.4 Submit report	

## TASK F6

### Participate in administrative communication (e.g., internal memos, external emails)

*Managers of Volunteer Resources decide on the methods, messages and recipients of internal and external communications. They initiate contact and evaluate their communications approach as necessary.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
6.1 Determine communication requirement	Knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organization</li> <li>• Communication etiquette</li> <li>• Computer applications</li> </ul> Ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicate</li> <li>• Write</li> </ul>
6.2 Determine method	
6.3 Determine message	
6.4 Determine recipients	
6.5 Initiate communication	
6.6 Evaluate communication method and message	
6.7 Make adjustments, if necessary	

## TASK F7

### Update office records

*Managers of Volunteer Resources determine if office records require an update. They participate in information audits and communicate any records updates according to policies and procedures.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
7.1 Determine required update	Knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policies and procedures</li> <li>• Organization</li> <li>• Reporting format</li> <li>• Computer applications</li> </ul> Ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicate</li> <li>• Attend to detail</li> </ul>
7.2 Access record	
7.3 Make updates	
7.4 Communicate updates as required	
7.5 Participate in volunteer record audits	

## TASK F8

### Respond to incidents

*Managers of Volunteer Resources reconcile volunteer services incidents by listening to all concerned parties before deciding on a response to be communicated to all concerned parties and stakeholders. They evaluate and document the resolution process and its outcome.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
8.1 Review the incident	Knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policies and procedures</li> <li>• Organizational culture</li> <li>• Legal requirements</li> </ul> Ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicate</li> <li>• Write</li> <li>• Analyze</li> <li>• Mediate</li> </ul>
8.2 Determine appropriate responder	
8.3 Consult with all concerned parties	
8.4 Determine options	
8.5 Consult with appropriate personnel	
8.6 Formulate response	
8.7 Communicate response to concerned parties	
8.8 Communicate response to stakeholders as required	
8.9 Determine any further action required	
8.10 Document entire process and resolution	

## TASK F9

### Contribute to funding initiatives

*Managers of Volunteer Resources evaluate funding opportunities and contribute any applicable resources to the funding process. They follow up on funding opportunities.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
9.1 Evaluate volunteer services' role in the funding initiatives	Knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organization</li> <li>• Fundraising</li> <li>• Organizational culture</li> </ul> Ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research</li> <li>• Plan</li> <li>• Collaborate</li> <li>• Communicate</li> </ul>
9.2 Contribute to assessing appropriateness of funding opportunity	
9.3 Identify funding sources	
9.4 Gather required resources	
9.5 Contribute applicable resources	
9.6 Follow up on funding initiative	

## TASK F10

### Participate in meetings (e.g., staff, stakeholder, etc.)

*Managers of Volunteer Resources plan and prepare for a variety of meetings. They attend meetings and contribute to the discussion as required.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
10.1 Initiate and respond to meeting requests	Knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organization</li> <li>• Meeting etiquette</li> <li>• Conflict resolution</li> </ul> Ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manage time</li> <li>• Collaborate</li> <li>• Communicate</li> <li>• Analyze</li> </ul>
10.2 Plan to attend meetings	
10.3 Schedule meetings	
10.4 Prepare for meetings	
10.5 Attend meetings	
10.6 Contribute to meetings as required	
10.7 Follow up as required	

## Category G Manage Volunteer Performance

## TASK G1

### Manage volunteer performance objectives

*Managers of Volunteer Resources manage the performance requirements of volunteer positions. They document the performance objectives and share these requirements with stakeholders and volunteers.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
1.1 Manage objectives per position description	Knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organization</li> <li>• Policies and procedures</li> </ul> Ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicate</li> <li>• Manage people</li> </ul>
1.2 Consult with appropriate staff	
1.3 Share information with volunteer	
1.4 Document objectives	

## TASK G2

### Conduct volunteer performance review

*Managers of Volunteer Resources gather information about volunteers' performances from colleagues and provide volunteers with feedback. They discuss this feedback with volunteers and plan to follow up as required.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
2.1 Gather required information	Knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organization</li> <li>• Policies and procedures</li> <li>• Volunteers</li> <li>• Volunteer roles</li> </ul> Ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicate</li> <li>• Write</li> <li>• Evaluate</li> </ul>
2.2 Consult with individuals who interact with the volunteer	
2.3 Complete evaluation tool as required	
2.4 Communicate with volunteer	
2.5 Provide feedback	
2.6 Solicit feedback from volunteer	
2.7 Document discussion	
2.8 Make follow up plan if necessary	

## TASK G3

### Provide feedback to volunteers

*Managers of Volunteer Resources observe volunteers at work to determine if feedback is required. If it is necessary, they decide on the best way to share this information. They provide feedback and plan to follow up with the volunteers as required.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
3.1 Observe volunteer	Knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organization</li> <li>• Policies and procedures</li> <li>• Assessment of skills</li> </ul> Ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicate</li> <li>• Attend to detail</li> <li>• Manage people</li> </ul>
3.2 Determine when feedback is required	
3.3 Determine feedback resource	
3.4 Determine appropriate feedback resources	
3.5 Provide feedback	
3.6 Solicit feedback from supervisory source and volunteer	
3.7 Determine next course of action	

## TASK G4

### Provide volunteer development opportunities

*Managers of Volunteer Resources determine organizational needs and identify opportunities for volunteer development. They decide to communicate these volunteer opportunities internally and/or externally.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
4.1 Identify needs (e.g., organizational, volunteer)	<p>Knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organization</li> <li>• Policies and procedures</li> <li>• Professional development</li> <li>• Community</li> <li>• Adult education principles</li> </ul> <p>Ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research</li> <li>• Facilitate</li> <li>• Plan</li> <li>• Communicate</li> </ul>
4.2 Determine available budget	
4.3 Research available opportunities	
4.4 Determine course of action (i.e., internal, external)	
4.5 Communicate development opportunities to volunteers	
4.6 Solicit feedback	

## TASK G5

### Conduct corrective action procedures

*Managers of Volunteer Resources analyze volunteer conduct in the context of policies and procedures, consulting with appropriate staff as necessary. They raise conduct concerns with the involved volunteers and take action according to policies and procedures. They document the resolution process and its outcome.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
5.1 Revisit policies and procedures	<p>Knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organization</li> <li>• Policies and procedures</li> <li>• Conflict resolution</li> </ul> <p>Ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manage people</li> <li>• Communicate</li> </ul>
5.2 Gather information	
5.3 Consult with appropriate staff	
5.4 Compare conduct to policy	
5.5 Communicate concern to volunteer	
5.6 Follow applicable organizational procedures	
5.7 Document process and resolution	

## TASK G6

### Conduct exit interviews/surveys

*Managers of Volunteer Resources arrange for and conduct exit interviews and/or surveys with outgoing volunteers. They document the results of these interviews and recognize the contribution of volunteers.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
6.1 Arrange interview/survey	Knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organization</li> <li>• Policies and procedures</li> </ul> Ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicate</li> </ul>
6.2 Conduct interview/survey	
6.3 Document results	
6.4 Recognize volunteer contribution, if applicable	

## TASK G7

### Engage with volunteers

*Managers of Volunteer Resources engage volunteers with formal and informal communications and follow up on any discussions that arise from communication.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
7.1 Create opportunities for engagement	Knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organization</li> <li>• Policies and procedures</li> <li>• Volunteer roles</li> <li>• Volunteers</li> <li>• Volunteer schedules</li> </ul> Ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicate</li> </ul>
7.2 Engage formal and informal communication	
7.3 Follow up on any discussions as required	

## TASK G8

### Provide ongoing education to staff on working with volunteers

*Managers of Volunteer Resources provide staff members with educational information about working with and supervising volunteers, addressing any concerns as they arise. They promote the role of volunteers in the organization to colleagues and advocate for the support of volunteer engagement.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
8.1 Advocate for staff education on working with volunteers	<p>Knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organization</li> <li>• Policies and procedures</li> <li>• Organizational culture</li> <li>• Adult learning principles</li> </ul> <p>Ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicate</li> <li>• Mentor</li> <li>• Facilitate</li> </ul>
8.2 Provide education to staff where possible	
8.3 Include information about volunteers in organizational communication	
8.4 Provide opportunities for staff and volunteers to share feedback	
8.5 Address staff and volunteer concerns promptly	
8.6 Promote the value of volunteer services to the organization	
8.7 Provide training to staff on how to manage or supervise volunteers	
8.8 Help staff and volunteers working in the organization to understand each other's roles.	
8.9 Communicate to staff the importance of recognizing volunteers.	
8.10 Advocate for organizational leadership support of staff/volunteers engagement	
8.11 Promote staff and volunteer social interaction	

## TASK G9

### Implement retention strategy

*Managers of Volunteer Resources evaluate the organization's volunteer retention rate and conduct research into possible retention improvements. They make changes to volunteer services to enhance volunteer satisfaction.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
9.1 Conduct research into possible retention methods	<p>Knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retention techniques</li> <li>• Organization</li> <li>• Volunteer experiences</li> </ul> <p>Ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research</li> <li>• Communicate</li> </ul>
9.2 Evaluate historical retention data	
9.3 Consider volunteer motivations	
9.4 Monitor volunteer satisfaction	
9.5 Implement changes for the purposes of retention	



## TASK G10

### Provide volunteer references

*Managers of Volunteer Resources offer references for volunteers based on a review of the volunteers' files and a consultation with supervisory staff.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
10.1 Inform volunteers of reference availability	Knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policies and procedures</li> <li>• Volunteer records</li> </ul> Ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicate</li> </ul>
10.2 Receive reference requests	
10.3 Review volunteer file	
10.4 Consult with supervisory staff	
10.5 Provide reference	

## Category H Recognize Volunteer Contribution

## TASK H1

### Develop volunteer recognition plan

*Managers of Volunteer Resources consult with stakeholders when planning for volunteer recognition. They then implement the recognition plans within the organization and communicate the details to all relevant parties.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
1.1 Determine recognition philosophy	Knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organization</li> <li>• Policies and procedures</li> <li>• Planning</li> <li>• Volunteer motivations</li> </ul> Ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicate</li> <li>• Attend to detail</li> <li>• Write</li> </ul>
1.2 Consult with stakeholders	
1.3 Plan for resources	
1.4 Write the plan	
1.5 Share the plan for feedback	
1.6 Incorporate feedback	
1.7 Implement plan	
1.8 Communicate plan	

## TASK H2

### Explore recognition methods

*Managers of Volunteer Resources explore options for volunteer recognition based on the feasibility of the plans and the suitability of volunteers. They consult with stakeholders to discuss possible recognition options.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
2.1 Conduct research into possible recognition methods	Knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer motivations</li> <li>• Recognition plans</li> <li>• Other organizations with volunteering components</li> </ul> Ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research</li> <li>• Analyze</li> </ul>
2.2 Consult stakeholders	
2.3 Evaluate feasibility of recognition methods (i.e., budget, risk)	
2.4 Evaluate volunteer suitability for awards	
2.5 Create list of possible options (i.e., internal or external)	

## TASK H3

### Choose specific recognition method

*Managers of Volunteer Resources determine the best method of volunteer recognition based on organizational needs and resources.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
3.1 Match options with organizational circumstances	Knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition methods</li> <li>• Volunteer motivations</li> </ul> Ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analyze</li> <li>• Communicate</li> </ul>
3.2 Determine best recognition method(s)	

## TASK H4

### Consult with volunteers about preferred types of recognition

*Managers of Volunteer Resources solicit feedback from volunteers about what type of recognition they prefer. They analyze the results of the feedback and share the findings with stakeholders.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
4.1 Present possible options	Knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer motivations</li> </ul> Ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicate</li> <li>• Analyze</li> <li>• Attend to detail</li> </ul>
4.2 Solicit volunteer feedback	
4.3 Collect that feedback	
4.4 Analyze results	
4.5 Share the results	
4.6 Communicate recognition methods	

## TASK H5

### Organize volunteer recognition events

*Managers of Volunteer Resources organize the budget, schedule and location of volunteer recognition events. They oversee the communication of event details and confirm volunteers' attendance. They evaluate and report event outcomes to stakeholders.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
5.1 Determine budget	Knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budgets</li> <li>• Event planning</li> <li>• Logistical planning</li> <li>• Evaluation methods</li> </ul> Ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform calculations</li> <li>• Communicate</li> </ul>
5.2 Determine location	
5.3 Determine date and time	
5.4 Book a venue	
5.5 Communicate event (e.g., invitations, newsletter, etc.)	
5.6 Track and confirm attendance	
5.7 Carry out logistics	
5.8 Evaluate event	
5.9 Report event outcomes	

## TASK H6

### Publicize volunteer contributions

*Managers of Volunteer Resources determine the level of volunteer participation in public events and promotional materials according to policies and procedures. They share volunteer contributions through the organization's prescribed communication channels.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
4.1 Present possible options	Knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer motivations</li> </ul> Ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicate</li> <li>• Analyze</li> <li>• Attend to detail</li> </ul>
4.2 Solicit volunteer feedback	
4.3 Collect that feedback	
4.4 Analyze results	
4.5 Share the results	
4.6 Communicate recognition methods	

## TASK H7

### Review volunteer recognition methods

*Managers of Volunteer Resources evaluate the organization's volunteer recognition plans on an ongoing basis. They adjust the recognition plans based on evaluation findings, if necessary.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
7.1 Create review methods	Knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluation methods</li> <li>• Volunteer motivations</li> </ul> Ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analyze</li> <li>• Communicate</li> <li>• Attention to detail</li> </ul>
7.2 Administer evaluations on ongoing basis	
7.3 Collect data	
7.4 Analyze data	
7.5 Adjust recognition methods accordingly	
7.6 Communicate changes, if any	

# Category I Engage in professional development

TASK I1	
<p><b>Participate in professional associations</b>  <i>Managers of Volunteer Resources determine which volunteer services records should be maintained and what storage will be required to house these records. They also determine the level of access other staff members will have to these records.</i></p>	
Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
<p>1.1 Research professional associations</p> <p>1.2 Check to ensure your participation is within budget</p> <p>1.3 Contact selected organization(s)</p> <p>1.4 Determine organization(s) that is the best fit</p> <p>1.5 Complete membership criteria</p> <p>1.6 Attend association-specific meetings/online gatherings</p> <p>1.7 Explore opportunities for involvement in the association</p> <p>1.8 Advocate the benefits of professional associations</p>	<p>Knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professional associations</li> <li>• Organization</li> <li>• Professional development opportunities</li> </ul> <p>Ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research</li> <li>• Analyze</li> <li>• Communicate</li> </ul>

## TASK 12

### Participate in professional development opportunities

*Managers of Volunteer Resources identify and participate in relevant professional development opportunities. They communicate the material they learned to colleagues.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
2.1 Research possible development opportunities (e.g., conferences, online, volunteering yourself etc) 2.2 Determine opportunities to pursue 2.3 Check to ensure your participation is within budget 2.4 Submit for approval if required 2.5 Register if required 2.6 Attend or participate in opportunity 2.7 Communicate learning	Knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professional associations</li> <li>• Organization</li> <li>• Professional development opportunities</li> </ul> Ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research</li> <li>• Analyze</li> <li>• Communicate</li> </ul>

## TASK 13

### Obtain professional certification

*Managers of Volunteer Resources review professional certification programs. They complete and submit the requirements for certification and re-certify as required.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
3.1 Research certifying bodies 3.2 Review certification criteria 3.3 Submit for approval if required 3.4 Complete requirements 3.5 Submit requirements 3.6 Receive notification of certification 3.7 Re-certify as required	Knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professional associations</li> <li>• Organization</li> <li>• Professional development opportunities</li> <li>• Available certifications</li> </ul> Ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research</li> <li>• Analyze</li> <li>• Communicate</li> </ul>

## TASK 14

### Share professional knowledge with others

*Managers of Volunteer Resources identify opportunities to prepare and share professional knowledge with colleagues.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
<p>4.1 Seek out/accept opportunities to share knowledge</p> <p>4.2 Prepare to present information</p> <p>4.3 Present information</p>	<p>Knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Profession</li> <li>• Interested parties</li> </ul> <p>Ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicate</li> <li>• Network</li> </ul>

## TASK 15

### Research current trends in volunteerism

*Managers of Volunteer Resources keep abreast of current trends in volunteer management by attending relevant events and networking with colleagues.*

Subtasks	Supporting knowledge and abilities
<p>5.1 Read professional journals, articles, newsletters, research reports</p> <p>5.2 Network with others working in volunteer services</p> <p>5.3 Attend conferences/workshops</p>	<p>Knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relevant publications</li> <li>• Professional development opportunities</li> </ul> <p>Ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research</li> <li>• Analyze</li> <li>• Network</li> <li>• Communicate</li> </ul>

# Tools, equipment, supplies and materials

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- Physical space
- Private room for meeting and interviewing
- Storage space for volunteer belongings
- Office furniture and furnishings (e.g., desk, chair, locking file cabinets, bookcase)
- Computer, related hardware and accessories (e.g., login and touch screen, printer)
- Software (e.g., volunteer database and other database systems)
- Internet/Intranet
- Email
- Social media tools
- Telephone, cell phone, smartphone
- Fax machine
- Scanner
- Photocopier
- AV equipment (e.g., monitors)
- Flip charts
- Presentation board
- Bulletin board
- Digital cameras, recorders
- Laminator
- Embosser
- Collater
- Paper cutter
- Paper shredder
- Hole punch
- Name tag maker
- Office supplies (e.g., notepad, calendar, binders, etc.)
- First aid kit
- Local labour regulations
- Reference materials (e.g., books, manuals)
- Recruitment materials
- Security passes



# Knowledge, abilities and skills

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- Knowledge of programs and services
- Experience in the field
- Knowledge of organization, staff and volunteers
- Knowledge of financial statements
- Knowledge of occupational health and safety and other regulations
- Knowledge of relevant legislation
- Knowledge of best practices
- Knowledge of national and provincial volunteer organizations
- Knowledge of Canadian trends
- Knowledge of demographics, citizenship and cultural diversity
- Knowledge of volunteer motivations
- Software and computer knowledge
- Scheduling
- Planning
- Conducting research
- Conducting analysis
- Developing policies, procedures, plans, supporting tools
- Training, coaching, mentoring, supervising, evaluating performance
- Managing human resources
- Managing risk
- Organizational skills
- Time management skills
- Change management skills
- Expectation management skills
- People skills
- Networking skills
- Marketing skills
- Communication skills
- Public speaking skills
- Public relations skills
- Motivational skills
- Negotiation skills
- Advocacy skills
- Leadership skills
- Conflict resolution skills
- Problem-solving skills
- Writing skills
- Math skills
- Design skills

# Behaviours, attitudes and personal characteristics

- Respectful
- Compassionate
- Patient
- Inspirational
- Influential
- Passionate
- Dedicated
- Motivated
- Creative
- Articulate
- Inclusive
- Flexible
- Positive attitude
- Ethical
- Professional
- Committed to professional development
- Customer service-oriented
- Needs-focused
- Detail-oriented
- Organized
- Analytical
- Able to manage stress
- Able to work independently
- Visionary
- Problem solver
- Multitasker
- Team player
- Leadership skills
- Interpersonal communication
- Tact and diplomacy
- Empathy
- Enthusiasm
- Commitment to anti-oppression principles
- Commitment to civic engagement
- Commitment to organization
- Loyalty

# Appendix

## Manager of Volunteer Resources DACUM chart

Develop Volunteer Services	<b>A1</b> Assess organizational volunteer needs and opportunities	<b>A2</b> Research related programs and services	<b>A3</b> Develop goals and objectives for volunteer services	<b>A4</b> Develop policies for volunteer services
	<b>A5</b> Develop supporting tools for volunteer services (e.g., forms, databases, manuals, ID badges)	<b>A6</b> Develop evaluation plan for volunteer services	<b>A7</b> Implement evaluation plan for volunteer services	<b>A8</b> Develop volunteer orientation and training plan

Promote Volunteer Services	<b>B1</b> Inform stakeholders of volunteer services	<b>B2</b> Advocate for volunteer services to stakeholders	<b>B3</b> Design communication plan for volunteer services	
	<b>B4</b> Implement communication plan for volunteer services	<b>B5</b> Cultivate stakeholder and partner relationships	<b>B6</b> Review communication plan	

Conduct Volunteer Recruitment	<b>C1</b> Assess need for volunteers	<b>C2</b> Develop volunteer position description	<b>C3</b> Design recruitment strategy for volunteers	<b>C4</b> Implement recruitment strategy for volunteers
	<b>C5</b> Select applicants for interviews	<b>C6</b> Conduct applicant interviews	<b>C7</b> Administer third-party screening (references, criminal records)	

Provide Volunteer Orientation	<b>D1</b> Arrange orientation for volunteers	<b>D2</b> Conduct orientation for volunteers	<b>D3</b> Confirm volunteer placement(s)	<b>D4</b> Provide for placement-specific training
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Maintain Volunteers Services Records	<b>E1</b> Establish secure storage for volunteer records	<b>E2</b> Create volunteer files (e.g., paper and electronic)	<b>E3</b> Update volunteer records (e.g., hours, personal information)	<b>E4</b> Update third-party screening (criminal, credit, driver's abstract)
	<b>E5</b> Generate statistical reports (e.g., hours, demographics)	<b>E6</b> Archive volunteer records	<b>E7</b> Destroy or delete volunteer records	

## Manager of Volunteer Resources DACUM chart (cont)

Perform Administrative Tasks	<b>F1</b> Respond to inquiries (e.g., email, phone)	<b>F2</b> Contribute to budget process	<b>F3</b> Reconcile volunteer services petty cash	<b>F4</b> Monitor supplies and equipment	<b>F5</b> Submit expense claims
	<b>F6</b> Participate in administrative communication (e.g., internal memos, external emails)	<b>F7</b> Update office records	<b>F8</b> Respond to incidents	<b>F9</b> Contribute to funding initiatives	<b>F10</b> Participate in meetings (e.g., staff, stakeholder, etc.)

Manage Volunteer Performance	<b>G1</b> Manage volunteer performance objectives	<b>G2</b> Conduct volunteer performance review	<b>G3</b> Provide feedback to volunteers	<b>G4</b> Provide volunteer development opportunities	<b>G5</b> Conduct corrective action procedures
	<b>G6</b> Conduct exit interviews/surveys	<b>G7</b> Engage with volunteers	<b>G8</b> Provide ongoing education to staff working with volunteers	<b>G9</b> Implement retention strategy	<b>G10</b> Provide volunteer references

Recognize Volunteer Contribution	<b>H1</b> Develop volunteer recognition plan	<b>H2</b> Explore recognition methods	<b>H3</b> Choose specific recognition methods	<b>H4</b> Consult with volunteers about preferred types of recognition
	<b>H5</b> Organize volunteer recognition events	<b>H6</b> Publicize volunteer contributions	<b>H7</b> Review volunteer recognition methods	

Engage in Professional Development	<b>I1</b> Participate in professional associations	<b>I2</b> Participate in professional development opportunities	<b>I3</b> Obtain professional certification	<b>I4</b> Share professional knowledge with others	<b>I5</b> Research current trends in volunteerism
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