

Welcome Volunteers! Our program is dependent on well trained, dedicated volunteers. Previous horse experience is not required, but helpful. There are many different roles in which you can share your skills and talents to help keep our program growing. Thank you for your interest.

Qualifications:

1. All volunteers must be at least 12 years old.
2. Volunteers are expected to demonstrate commitment, punctuality, and reliability.
3. For volunteers assisting with lessons it is preferred, but not required that they are available a minimum of 2 hours per week for the duration of a session. Sessions are typically 6-8 weeks.
4. Volunteer assignments and schedules are based on interest, experience, and availability.
5. Volunteer Application and Release forms must be completed and returned to FHTRC. Volunteer paperwork also must be updated annually.
6. Volunteers assisting with lessons must attend training provided by FHTRC for the role they select.
7. Depending on the role, volunteering may involve moderate physical activity and working outside in varying weather conditions. Please be sure you are comfortable with the conditions of the role you select.
8. Volunteers must be able to work independently with minimal staff supervision. That being said, training is provided and you will never be required to perform a task you are not comfortable with.
9. Volunteers must have a positive attitude and be able to adapt to change and be flexible.
10. Volunteers must possess the ability to follow directions and take instruction.
11. Because of the nature of the service provided, FHTRC reserves the right to make the final determination as to the appropriateness of volunteers for our organization.
12. Anyone 18 years of age or older must submit the following clearances prior to the commencement of service: PA State Police Criminal History Clearances and PA Child Abuse History Clearances. Additionally, a fingerprint based federal criminal history (FBI) submitted through the PA State Police or its authorized agent is required if the volunteer has lived outside the Commonwealth of PA in the last 10 years. The service code for obtaining FBI Clearances is: **1KG6ZJ**

For Frequently Asked Questions for Volunteers see link:

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/KeepKidsSafe/Clearances/Documents/Volunteers.pdf>

For obtaining clearances see link:

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/keepkidssafe/Pages/default.aspx>

If you have any questions feel free to contact us.