



**City of Vernon, California
Human Resources Policy and Procedure Manual**

Director of Human Resources

City Administrator

Number: I-11 Effective Date: 2/4/2014

SUBJECT: CITY OF VERNON COLLEGE VOLUNTEER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

PURPOSE:

To establish a procedure for utilization of college volunteers by City Departments.

DEFINITIONS:

A volunteer is a person who donates hours of service to the City for civic, charitable, or humanitarian reasons, without promise, expectation, or receipt of compensation for services rendered, except for reimbursement for expenses, and a nominal stipend, or a combination thereof. A person is not a volunteer if the person is otherwise employed by the City to perform the same type of services as those for which the person proposes to volunteer (for example: an administrative assistant cannot volunteer to do clerical work in another department or division).

POLICY:

City departments shall provide individuals a meaningful opportunity to perform services for the City and the community. Departments shall not request college volunteers to substitute, supplement or replace any vacancy of paid municipal personnel.

- Interns cannot displace regular employees.
- Interns are not guaranteed a job at the end of the internship
- Interns understand that the interns are not entitled to wages during the internship period.
- Interns must receive training
- Interns must get hands-on experience with equipment and processes used in your industry.
- Interns' training must primarily benefit them, not the agency.

College volunteer activities in municipal government shall include, but are not limited to: the participation of citizens in the direct delivery of service to others; citizen action groups; participation in self-help and mutual aid endeavors; and a broad range of informal helping activities. All departments are invited and encouraged to recruit potential college volunteers for their divisions. The City is not required to designate any person as a volunteer.

Any work by a volunteer must be performed under close supervision of City personnel. Departments shall be responsible for identifying work space and ensuring necessary equipment and materials are available for the college volunteer's work assignment. All City personnel who supervise college volunteers are responsible for completing a Volunteer Agreement Form, providing an orientation and tour of the work area, and training of the college volunteer. All college volunteers must be at least 18 years of age and be currently enrolled as a student in an accredited college or university. College volunteer interns must be committed to work a minimum of eight (8) hours per week. Background check for college volunteers shall be coordinated with the Human Resources Department in accordance with the medical examination procedures.

All volunteers are ineligible to drive City-leased or owned vehicles. In the event that the volunteer is required to drive his/her personal vehicle for performing an activity, the volunteer shall provide proof of insurance and obtain an addendum naming the City of Vernon as an additional insured. If a volunteer is involved in a non-injury motor vehicle accident in his/her own vehicle while performing his/her volunteer duties, the volunteer shall follow the same accident reporting procedures used by regular staff.

Accident and safety guidelines and procedures which apply to regular staff members shall also apply to all volunteers. Policies prohibiting discrimination and harassment, and other standards of conduct which apply to regular staff members, shall apply to all volunteers.

All volunteers shall be registered with their respective department and be covered through the City's Workers' Compensation Program. Utmost care should be taken to ensure that volunteers are not working in hazardous situations. It shall be the Department's responsibility to instruct volunteers in the proper use of tools and equipment. Volunteers have the same obligations as regular employees to cooperate with and follow the rules, regulations and safety procedures of the department and the City.

Departments shall be responsible for ensuring that all volunteers sign in and out on their Volunteer Time Sheet. These records are required for monthly reports and Workers' Compensation claims. All Time Sheets are required to be signed by both the volunteer and the supervisor.

The volunteer assignment can end at any time by the City without prior notification to the volunteer. The City is not obligated to place a volunteer or accept volunteer services from any individual.

Volunteers should not be left alone to supervise or maintain custody of a facility or City property. When volunteering in a setting involving children/minors, the volunteer shall not be responsible to supervise or watch over children without City staff supervision.

Special One-time Group Volunteer Projects

The process for special one-time group projects is different from the standard process. Each Department should maintain a Special Project Summary Sheet which lists the name, address and telephone number of the volunteer along with their recorded time in and time out.

PROCEDURE:

Responsibility	Action
Volunteer	1. Completes and submits College Volunteer Application Form as well as a copy of current college/university class schedule to Human Resources Department.
Human Resources	2. Recruits for college volunteer candidates as needed. 3. Forwards qualified college volunteer application(s) to appropriate departments along with Volunteer Service Agreement Form.
Department	4. Conducts college volunteer selection interviews and notifies Human Resources of interview results.
Department & Volunteer	5. Fills out employer portion of Volunteer Services Agreement form and ensure selected college volunteer fills out their portion. Once this form is complete a copy is sent to Human Resources for review and approval prior to college volunteer start date.
Human Resources	6. Processes background check and reviews Volunteer Service Agreement form. 7. Notifies department once college volunteer is cleared and ready to start volunteer assignment.
Department	8. Notifies college volunteer of start date. 9. Ensures that the college volunteer does not substitute, supplant or replace any paid municipal staff member. 10. Provides college volunteer an orientation and tour of the work area, trains and introduces the volunteer to the work unit. 11. Closely supervises any work performed by the college volunteer.

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| Volunteer | 12. Completes College Volunteer Time Sheet form weekly. |
| Department | 13. Maintains all College Volunteer Time Sheets. |
| Department | 14. Notifies the Human Resources Department once volunteer ends/completes college volunteer assignment. |

Attachments:

1. Volunteer Services Agreement Form
2. College Volunteer Internship Application Form
3. College Volunteer Time Sheet Form



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**CITY OF VERNON
MUNICIPAL VOLUNTEER SERVICES**

Volunteer Services Agreement

Volunteer Name _____

Please complete a separate form for each Volunteer.

The City of Vernon reserves the right to select and approve a volunteer and/or the volunteer assignment.

Department _____ Division _____

Address of Volunteer Assignment _____

Supervisor Name _____

Description of volunteer assignment (be as detailed as possible) _____

Number of hours per week required by position _____ Length of assignment _____

Starting Date: _____

Please indicate the days and times volunteer will be needed:

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Start							
End							
Total							

The end or completion of the volunteer assignment will be determined by the City at its sole discretion.

Supervisor Signature: _____ Phone _____ Date _____

Volunteer Signature: _____ Date _____

Department Head Signature: _____ Date _____



Dept. /Div. _____

Date Assigned _____

Date Terminated _____

**CITY OF VERNON
COLLEGE VOLUNTEER INTERNSHIP APPLICATION**

4305 S. Santa Fe Ave.

Vernon, CA 90058

www.cityofvernon.org

College Volunteer Intern Profile

Please complete this profile in as much detail as possible so that a volunteer assignment can be made to match your needs, abilities and availability. You may be contacted if a college volunteer assignment becomes available.

FIRST NAME _____ (M.I) _____ LAST _____
Please Print

ADDRESS _____
Number Street

City State Zip Code

Phone: _____ Home Mobile: _____ Message

Email: _____

Do you have a valid California Driver's License? Yes _____ DL# _____ No _____

The City has a nepotism policy which may preclude volunteer assignments of certain family members of current employees of the City, are you related to any present City of Vernon employee? Yes No If yes, give name and relationship below.

Please Print Full Name of Relative	Relationship

Number the departments below in which you have an interest, 1-10 (1 being your top selection):

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | City Administrator's Office | <input type="checkbox"/> | Information Technology Division |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | City Clerk | <input type="checkbox"/> | Police |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Finance/Treasury | <input type="checkbox"/> | Public Utilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Health & Environmental Control | <input type="checkbox"/> | Public Works |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Human Resources | | |

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

1. _____ PHONE # _____
Name of Contract (please print)

2. _____ PHONE # _____
Name of Contract (please print)

PHYSICIAN OR HOSPITAL TO CALL IN EMERGENCY:

_____ PHONE # _____

Briefly list work experience or volunteer experience: _____

List skills, hobbies or interests related to the volunteer work you desire: _____

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Name and location of colleges and other schools	Yrs. attended	Did you Graduate?	Degree Received	Major

One of the requirements is to be enrolled in a college/university internship course or program. If selected, will you be enrolled in an internship course or program by the start of this internship? Yes No

List at least two (2) local references (employer, teacher, or neighbor):

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| Name | Address | City/State/Zip | Phone |
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Indicate languages other than English, which you speak fluently: _____

List below the times that you are available to volunteer:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

Must be at least 18 years of age to volunteer.

Signature of Volunteer _____ Date _____

PLEASE PRINT – This information will be detached from your profile card and used for research and statistical purposes only.

YOUR NAME: (Last) _____ (First) _____ (M.I.) _____		Social Security Last Four Digits: XXX - XX - _____	
ETHNIC BACKGROUND: Choose the one (ONLY ONE) ethnic group with which you most closely identify yourself. <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Alaskan Native		SEX: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male	Age Group: <input type="checkbox"/> Under 40 <input type="checkbox"/> Over 40
DISABLED: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If there is any reasonable accommodation necessary, contact the Human Resources Department at: (323)583-8811		How did you hear about the volunteer program (Please Circle One)? \rightarrow	Radio / TV Station Newspaper Magazine Other Human Resources City Employee Friend / Relative



Dept./Div: _____

Start Date: _____

End Date: _____

CITY OF VERNON LEGAL VOLUNTEER INTERNSHIP APPLICATION

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		<input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Magazine <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources <input type="checkbox"/> City Employee <input type="checkbox"/> Friend / Relative	



**City of Vernon
College Volunteer Time Sheet Form**

Intern Name: _____ Dept.: _____

Week Start Date: _____ Week Ending Date: _____

Weekly Time Sheet

Date	Time In	Time Out	Total Hours
		Week Total	

College Volunteer Signature: _____

Supervisor Signature: _____

Date: _____