

University of Illinois Extension Volunteer Process



Volunteers are valued members of the University of Illinois Extension programs. Volunteers contribute their skills, talents, and experiences to strengthen all aspects of Extension programs and support our mission.

Safety is Our Main Priority

The quality of Extension programs and safety of our participants and the people we work with require that the selection of volunteers be taken seriously, and that the organization works to recruit the best possible volunteers.

Steps to Become an Illinois Extension Volunteer

- Application Submission and Review
- Reference Check
- Interview with Illinois Extension Staff
- Criminal History Check and Registered Sex Offender check through Sterling Volunteers
- Illinois Department of Children and Family Services – Child Abuse and Neglect System (CANTS) check
- Illinois Extension Child Protection Training
- Volunteer Orientation/Training

Regular Background Checks

Illinois Extension is dedicated to regularly screening current volunteers to ensure the safety and security of those we serve.

Annual

- Sex Offender Registry check

Every 5 Years

- Criminal History check
- CANTS check

Required Forms*

Once

- Extension Risk Waiver (signature required)
- Talent Release Form (signature required)
- Child Protection Training Certificate

Annual

- Illinois Extension Volunteer Code of Conduct
- Program Volunteer Agreement

As Needed

- Emergency Medical Form

*Additional steps or forms may be required by individual programs

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Trust Extension to help.

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