



Anoka County
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What is the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program and how do we work together?

AmeriCorps Seniors Anoka County RSVP connects volunteers 55+ with meaningful volunteer opportunities. We attend expos, community education classes and send interested folks to our partner organizations (whether they are 55+ or not). Anoka County RSVP partners with local non-profits, public or faith organizations and has a memorandum of agreement which is renewed every three years.

What are the benefits for Volunteers?

- Anoka County RSVP provides excess liability insurance when volunteers are serving and that stays active as long as the volunteers are active. If an RSVP volunteer falls during winter or has an accident while serving at your site, please email the RSVP volunteer coordinator or specialist documenting the name of the volunteer, date/time of the incident and detail what happened. RSVP will follow up with the volunteer to start the insurance paperwork. Excess Insurance usually acts as a secondary policy.
- Anoka County RSVP provides mileage or metro mobility reimbursement. Mileage is reimbursed at .375 cents per mile, up to 10 miles per day provided that they served a minimum shift of 2 hours. Metro Mobility is also reimbursed for the cost per ride as long as a volunteer has served a minimum shift of 2 hours. Volunteers fill out timesheets and ask the volunteer coordinator or site supervisor to sign them at the end of each quarter. This benefit is non-taxable and helps a volunteer to choose a placement that they are really interested within.
- Anoka County RSVP hosts training events and recognition events and invites folks to attend as they are able/have an interest.
- Anoka County RSVP keeps volunteers informed about open volunteer opportunities, new partnerships that are added within RSVP so that they can decide if they would like to become involved in additional sites. Volunteers who haven't started may use this information to decide which organization they would like to begin serving. If you would like to be featured in a newsletter, please send me a brief outline of the opportunity, how many volunteers are needed, available shifts, flexibility of position, what a volunteer gains when serving and contact information. I would share this information at expos, online and in newsletters.

I have volunteers at my site who are 55+ but aren't enrolled in RSVP, can they sign up?

Absolutely! Volunteers who are 55+ and aren't enrolled in RSVP can join anytime by filling out the attached enrollment application. They can begin recording hours/mileage once they are active within RSVP. Volunteers do not have to serve at any additional sites. They would simply indicate that they are already volunteering with your organization on the application. The RSVP administrator or specialist are always happy to come to volunteer meetings and share information about RSVP.

What else can partnerships expect from RSVP?

- RSVP will ongoingly recruit and send interested volunteers to your organization throughout the year.
- RSVP will send information regarding upcoming training sessions and you'll be invited to attend as it works for your schedule.
- RSVP partners can be involved within ACVA (Anoka County Volunteer Alliance) where volunteer engagement leaders connect about 5 times per year to network with other programs and discuss any issues related to volunteer management. It's a great group to bounce ideas off of for a variety of topics. Within this group, 4 community education classes are set up each year at Anoka Hennepin District (Evening and Daytime) where ACVA members have an opportunity to present about their organization and share open volunteer opportunities with registered community members. About 25-40 people attend these classes and are usually eager to serve.
- RSVP is being asked for evidence-informed data about how volunteers are making an impact across Anoka County. We may ask for some additional information a few times per year about number of unduplicated clients, veterans, seniors served, etc. Depending on the partnership, RSVP does collect surveys to measure the impact of volunteerism as it relates to food security, transportation and additional training provided to members. We typically provide self-addressed postage paid envelopes and compile the survey results for organizations. Surveys are usually given out once per year.

