

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What do Adopt A School volunteers do?**

Adopt A School volunteers can be involved in a variety of different areas. The majority of volunteers will tutor children in whatever subject is needed. Other volunteers may become an aide to the teacher or even become a recess duty volunteer. Student ages range from K-12 and as a volunteer you choose which school you would like to volunteer at.

### **Who is eligible to become an Adopt A School volunteer?**

Every person who is a full-time student in good standing at Miami University may become an Adopt A School volunteer. The program is not limited to certain majors or background experience with tutoring.

### **Where are the Adopt A School sites?**

Currently, our partners include Talawanda High School, Talawanda Middle School, Marshall Elementary, Kramer Elementary, Bogan Elementary, Jefferson Elementary, Adams Elementary, Hamilton High School, Living Water Ministry Homework Help Program, Oxford KINSHIP After School Program, New Miami After School program, Bunker Hill Haven for Boys Homework Help, and Middletown After School program.

### **How will tutors be placed?**

The placement of tutors will be based upon each volunteer's availability, needs of the participating sites and transportation considerations.

### **How will tutors get to their sites?**

Currently, Talawanda High School and Kramer Elementary have MU bus routes that will drop students off within walking distance of the schools. For those volunteering at Talawanda Middle School, Marshall Elementary, and Bogan Elementary the MUVE Bus will drop students off at the schools. The MUVE Bus picks students up on campus at Maple St. by Shriver and in front of McGuffey on Spring St. For Jefferson Elementary, Adams Elementary, Hamilton High School Oxford KINSHIP after school program, Bunker Hill Haven for Boys Homework Help, New Miami After School program, Middletown After School program and/or Living Water, transportation will be provided upon request.

### **How much time is required?**

There is a one hour per week time commitment to become an Adopt A School volunteer. You must participate for the entire semester and show up to tutor each week at your designated time. You are also required to complete a one hour training session before you begin volunteering.

### **What do I do when I get to the school?**

You will report directly to the office at your assigned school and sign in on the Adopt A School volunteer sheet. You will wear a volunteer badge and report to your assigned classroom to volunteer. You will volunteer in the same classroom all semester. The teacher will then direct you to your volunteer duties.

### **What if I can't make it to tutor one week or I think it may be a snow day?**

It is **your responsibility** to make sure you contact the school you volunteer at (or your teacher directly) **AND** the coordinator of your school when you cannot make it to volunteer. Remember, you have committed to volunteering each and every week and if you repeatedly cannot make it to tutor you will be asked to leave the program.

### **Why should I become an Adopt A School volunteer?**

- To provide community service in a challenging and interesting environment
- To problem solve and learn while helping others
- To gain unique work experience that indicates commitment
- To further develop interpersonal skills with children
- To make a difference in a child's life

### **Is the program right for me?**

- Do you enjoy working and have patience with children?
- Are you interested in contributing to the success of children while enhancing your educational experience through community service?
- Can you fulfill the following responsibilities as a tutor?
  - Commit to at least one semester of service
  - Be punctual and show up at your assigned site on time and consistently each week
  - Attend the information session and a one hour training session
  - Adhere to all Adopt A School and site specific guidelines and regulations