

ASIAN PACIFIC HEALTH FOUNDATION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Q: For the 3 unexcused absences, does that apply only when you sign up for an event and then cancel? Or does it also include all events that are organized? Should I be emailing the coordinators if I cannot make it and thus do not sign up?

A: The 3 unexcused absences apply when you sign up for an event and do not show up without prior notice or immediately notifying the Volunteer Coordinators. If there is ever an event where there are not enough volunteers, the coordinators will randomly select members to attend and if they fail to show up without proper excuse (work, family, or school related), then it will be classified as an unexcused absence. You do not have to notify the coordinators every time there is an outreach and you are unable to attend.

Q: Since I am a student and I am not sure what my plan is for summer, I was wondering: do I have to commit at least 10 hours/month during summer time? Can I do more hours from now until summer, then leave for summer, and then come back when school year starts to fulfill a year commitment?

A: The minimum hours are not representative of how we assign volunteers to outreaches. It is just an estimate of how much time you will dedicate to our organization since we have an average of 2 outreaches per month. Our outreach schedule is based on whether we are able to secure a venue to perform the screenings or not. Thus, there is not a defined or routine schedule of when our outreaches occur. A majority of our outreaches take place only on the weekends which makes it more convenient for students to participate. We also send out our registration emails two weeks in advance to allow volunteers time to plan their schedule to attend. You are not obligated to attend every single outreach, but you should remain as active as you can in order to maintain your volunteer status. The summer schedule has not been decided yet since we understand many of our volunteers will be going back home. Our outreaches also decrease in the summer to allow the organization time to restructure and work on logistics.

Q: Since I am a full-time student, can I choose the time slot when I am available to volunteer or are the time slots assigned to me and I must follow it?

A: You can refer to the answer above regarding time-slots. You either register for an outreach or you don't. The volunteer coordinators suggest that you do not remain inactive for more than 2-3 outreaches in between your last outreach to be considered "active".

Q: What qualities are you looking for in volunteers when they apply to this program?

A: When volunteer coordinators review the applications, we look for individuals who are determined, have some background in the healthcare field, and experience in interacting with patients. We understand that APHF is a stepping-stone for many volunteers to gain hands-on experience with equipment and clinical data collection. We also look at whether the volunteer has put time and effort into answering the simple question of why they want to become a part of our team and whether they have done the necessary research about APHF. Strong applicants share their personal experiences and what motivated them to pursue the healthcare profession. The application is geared towards selecting applicants who are dedicated, motivated, and hard-working.