

YouthLink Volunteer Process

Thank you for your interest in volunteering for YouthLink!

YouthLink's volunteer orientation process is meant to help you, and YouthLink, find the best fit for our mutual volunteer needs. **This process can takes 4–6 weeks** and involves an initial interview, an application and a background check, and some initial training. Because our first priority is always the safety and security of the young people we work with, we appreciate your patience as we go through this process.

To learn more about our orientation process, contact Jelena Song, Development and Volunteer Coordinator at song@youthlinkmn.org.

To become a volunteer at YouthLink, you must complete the following steps:

Step 1: Individual phone interviews

- Phone interviews are scheduled based on each individual's initial phone or email inquiry, and will be scheduled at a mutually agreed-upon time.

Step 2: A group orientation and completion of application paperwork

- Each group orientation includes a presentation about YouthLink, a discussion of volunteer expectations, responsibilities, and communication—and an overview of the volunteer handbook.
- To be considered for a volunteer position at YouthLink, your application paperwork must be submitted (in person, via mail, fax, or email) to Jelena Song **within one week after completing your initial orientation**. The application paperwork includes:
 - an application form,
 - a confidentiality agreement, and
 - a background check (NOTE: the background check may take up to two weeks for processing).

Step 3: First Day Volunteering

- Your first day of volunteering will include a 15–30 minute meeting with Katie Miller, Associate Director of Drop-In Services, or if you are scheduled to volunteer in one of our housing sites, you will be meeting with Rachel Greenwald, Housing Supervisor.

Once you've completed all three of these steps—including passing your background check—you will be on your way to start making a difference in the lives of the young people we work with.

Please note that YouthLink reserves the right to terminate an application—or a volunteer—at any time, and for any reason.