

YouthLink Volunteer Process

Thank you for your interest in volunteering for YouthLink!

Our volunteer process is meant to help you, and YouthLink, find the best fit for our mutual volunteer needs. **This process can take up to 6 weeks** and involves an application, interview, background check, and initial training. Our first priority is always the safety and security of the young people we work with, and we appreciate your patience.

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

1. Attend an orientation session

- Due to high demand, our orientations are capped at 12 individuals and spaces are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. To learn more about our orientations, contact Jelena Song, Development and Volunteer Coordinator at song@youthlinkmn.org.

2. Hand in your application form

- To be considered for a volunteer position at YouthLink, your application forms must be handed in (in person, via mail, fax, or email) to Jelena Song **no more than one week after your initial orientation date**. If you miss the application deadline, you will have the chance to reapply the following month.

3. Attend a one-on-one interview with Jelena Song

- **Within two weeks after your initial orientation date**, you will attend a one-on-one interview with Jelena to discuss your interest in a specific volunteer role. At this interview, you will also receive your confidentiality agreement and background check form – these should be signed and given back to Jelena at your interview.

4. Attend your group training session

- While we process your background check and application form, we will hold a monthly group volunteer training to cover and develop the skills you'll need to volunteer at YouthLink. If you are unable to attend our monthly training session, we may be able to schedule individual trainings.

5. Start volunteering!

- Once you've completed these steps, and you've passed your background check, you are set to start making a difference in the lives of the young people YouthLink serves.

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