

Volunteering with Autism Nova Scotia

Step 1: Complete the Autism Nova Scotia Volunteer Application



Complete online
volunteer application

If you are interested in volunteering with Autism Nova Scotia, please complete the following application.

- This application takes about 10-15 minutes to complete.
- Once completed the application will be sent directly to our Volunteer Coordinator. They will be in contact with you in 1-2 weeks.
- There is no option to save and return later once the application is started.

**Applications are reviewed on a first-come-first-serve basis.*

Autism Nova Scotia Volunteer Application

Step 2: Attend Volunteer Interview



Attend volunteer
interview

Autism Nova Scotia's Program Coordinator reviews all Volunteer Applications and connects with all volunteers to arrange an interview.

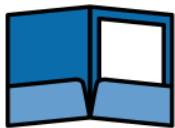
Interviews are held at Autism Nova Scotia- Halifax Office (5945 Spring Garden Road, Halifax) at a time that works best for the volunteer and Program Coordinator. The interview typically takes 30 minutes.

This interview is to help the Program Coordinator gain an understanding of the volunteer's background, interests and goals with volunteering. This supports the Program Coordinator in deciding which volunteer position would be the best fit. During this meeting, the Program Coordinator will provide volunteers with Autism Nova Scotia's Volunteer Package.

** Volunteers are asked to bring their resume and two pieces of government-issued ID to this interview.*

Step 3: Complete Volunteer Package

All accepted volunteers are required to complete Autism Nova Scotia's Volunteer Package, which includes:



Complete volunteer
package

- Confidentiality Policy
- Conflict of Interest Policy
- Internet Policy
- Policies and Procedures
- Code of Professional Conduct

Step 4: Complete Criminal Record Check & Child Abuse Checks



Volunteers are also required to provide:

- Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Check
- Child Abuse Registry Check
- Contact information for three references

All volunteers accepted are considered “pending” until their volunteer package, record checks are completed and returned in full, along with completed references. Volunteers are not permitted to start their volunteer position until all the documents have been provided.



Step 5: Attend Mandatory Volunteer Training

All volunteers are required to attend Autism Nova Scotia's Volunteer Training session.

-This training is typically three hours long and provides volunteers with best-practice strategies for supporting people with autism.

Dates, times and location for the training will be provided to volunteer once they have been accepted.

Step 6: Volunteer Position Starts



Autism Nova Scotia's Program Coordinator will provide the volunteer's contact information to the Program Lead of the program that the volunteer has been placed in.

-From there, the Program Lead will contact all volunteers regarding the program. Volunteer's from this point will contact the Program Lead for all their questions relating to the program.

If you are looking for more information regarding a becoming a volunteer with Autism Nova Scotia please contact:

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