

1. **What are the benefits of becoming an Anchorage Museum volunteer?**

- Learn from leading artists, scientists, historians, and educators.
- Acquire work experience and develop marketable skills.
- Meet new people from the community.
- Free admission to the museum.
- Participate in volunteer recognition events.
- Receive staff discounts at the museum store and MUSE café kiosk

2. **Is there a time commitment for volunteering?**

Due to the time needed to train new volunteers, we ask that volunteers commit to volunteering for 30 hours per calendar year. For this reason, we do not offer short-time volunteer opportunities.

3. **How old do I have to be to volunteer?**

Most volunteer positions are for those 18-years or older; however, the Anchorage Museum does offer some opportunities for teens aged 16-years or older. One adult chaperone is required for every teen volunteer aged 16. Adult chaperones must undergo a criminal background check. Volunteers aged 17 do not need a chaperone but must have their parent/guardian sign a permission slip to participate.

4. **I am interested in volunteering in a specific department, but it is not listed as an option online. Does this mean opportunities are unavailable?**

Yes, if an opportunity is not listed on the Anchorage Museum website that means that the position is unavailable or filled. We encourage prospective volunteers to check back regularly.

5. Is parking free?

Parking is free to volunteers during their volunteer shifts; however, the spaces are available on a first come, first served basis. Volunteer parking can be found in the museum's garage in spots #1-8 or at Seed Lab in the lot at the corner of A Street and 7th Ave.

6. Do I need a background check to volunteer?

Yes, adult volunteers will need to pass a criminal background check. Volunteers aged 16-17 do not need to complete a background check.

7. How often are volunteer orientations held?

Volunteer orientations are held quarterly. Volunteer orientations for 2027 will be held at the following times:

- January 30, 2027, 10:30am-12:30
- March 23, 2027, 6:30pm-8:30pm
- June 12, 2027, 10:30am-12:30
- September 7, 2027, 6:30pm-8:30pm

8. Do you offer group volunteer opportunities?

The Anchorage Museum does not offer group volunteer opportunities at this time.

9. How do I apply to become a volunteer?

You can apply to volunteer on Anchorage Museum's website. We do not accept paper applications.

10. Does the Anchorage Museum offer internships?

The Anchorage Museum sometimes offers internship; typically, during the summer months. These opportunities will be listed on the museum's employee page and are not organized by the Volunteer Coordinator.