



Volunteer Application

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Hi there,

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with the Academy of Musical Performance! AMP is a special community, working hard to spread the joy of making music to young people around the Coachella Valley.

The Coachella Valley has a proud history in the history of contemporary music, with greats like Frank Sinatra and Elvis Presley putting down roots here, to the famous venues and recording studios of the high desert, to the generator parties and spreading “desert rock” around the world, to the world-famous Coachella Music and Arts Festival. AMP is proud to continue that tradition by passing along this respect for music’s cultural and personal importance to the next generation of Coachella Valley musicians.

Music heals, inspires, and betters people, and this impact is particularly effective in young people. AMP has seen permanent changes in the lives of young musicians from the Coachella Valley and has created a supportive community of musicians that are able to grow together — as musicians, and as people. When you volunteer with AMP, you are making a measurable impact on our community.

As a non-profit that relies mostly on fundraising, grants, and volunteer help, AMP needs your passion and your help to spread our mission. Thank you for joining us as a volunteer. We couldn't do this without you.

We can't wait to rock with you!

Will Sturgeon

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FAQ's

Why volunteer?

The Academy of Musical Performance (AMP) is a 501(c) 3 organization. This means our volunteers and donors help make our programs possible. Volunteering is one of the best ways you can support our students and the mission of AMP. It allows you to learn more about our program while you share your time, expertise, and resources with us. Volunteering is also a great way to learn new skills and meet new people in our community. It looks great on resumes, college applications, and your LinkedIn page, but mostly it is just really ridiculously fun. AMP is involved in some amazing events around the Coachella Valley and with your help, we get to bring music and fun to kids and families year-round.

How much time is required?

For most of our volunteers there is no time requirement. The time needed will depend on your availability and the programs we have available at any given time. Our Volunteer Coordinator will reach out to our volunteers when we need help with an event and you can jump in as you are available and able. If you want to help out for a specific event or if you have unique skills that you would like to offer (See Volunteer Opportunities) then we can coordinate specific times for that as well.

For families who are currently enrolled in AMP's Tuition Assistance Program, we ask that you volunteer at least twice per session (AMP Summer, AMP Spring, AMP Fall) . Your time and expertise help make all of our programming possible.

When do you need volunteers?

AMP has several major fundraisers each year that help raise awareness and funds for our program. In addition to this, we have weekly programming and events in the community that require help. We also have "behind the scenes" tasks that require special skills such as video editing, photography, grant writing/research, and more. These jobs are year-round and on an "as needed" basis. In other words, there is always something that you can help out with.

Do I need to do a background check?

Our first priority is creating a space that is safe and welcoming for all of our students. Part of that process includes making sure that the people who teach, volunteer, and work with AMP have been thoroughly vetted and background checked. All adult volunteers working directly with students or student information will need to be Live Scanned in order for AMP to insure the safety and wellbeing of our students.

Why is there a fee?

There are a few reasons for a fee but the biggest is that it helps us offset the cost of running a volunteer program. We love our volunteers but we still incur costs to do background checks, TB tests, and training. If the cost of the background check is a financial burden please speak with our director Will Sturgeon and we can talk about your particular situation.

Do I need to attend the training?

Our volunteer training is mandatory and needs to be completed before you start volunteering unless express written exception is given by AMP Director Will Sturgeon. The training covers a variety of important topics such as: who to call in an emergency; how to report suspected abuse or suicidal ideation; and a variety of other sensitive and essential topics. We want our students and staff to feel safe and fully prepared for their role in our program and the volunteer training is the first step to accomplish this.

Additional Questions?

If you have any additional questions not addressed here please feel free to contact our Volunteer Coordinator Josiah Gonzalez at josiah@ampcv.org

How do I get started?

Step One: Application

The first step is to go to <https://www.ampcv.org/volunteer> and fill out our volunteer application. This will include a portal to pay for your application, background check, and TB Test.

Step Two: Screening & Interview

Our Program Director and Volunteer Coordinator will review your application. Upon successfully passing the background check and TB test you will be scheduled for a followup interview. During this interview we will discuss the program needs and your application and qualifications.

Step Three: Orientation

After successfully completing the Screening and Interview process you will be scheduled for an orientation session. Orientation covers: an overview of our programs, the AMP community standards, communication protocols, and emergency procedures the AMP has set up. Orientation for specific jobs may be covered in orientation depending on the needs of our programs and the needs of the volunteers. A full list of volunteer positions and program needs will be listed online for your convenience.

Step Four: Get Started!

You made it! You have completed the application process and orientation and are now ready to start volunteering. Our Volunteer Coordinator will be reaching out to you via email to work you into the calendar of events that are available. If you are helping with a specific task such as photography, grant writing, or video editing you will be contacted and a special schedule will be set up for getting your project completed.

Contact Us

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