



U & I Membership FAQ

Please read through the Registration FAQs before you register so that the process of registration is clear.

1. Who is required to renew?

Renewal is required for all volunteers - adults & kids. Your membership is valid from May – April

If you are a returning volunteer and signed up for any activity in the month of May, please make sure you have renewed your membership **at least *4 days* in advance** to the activity date. Failing to do this would get your sign up deleted, and you would not be able to participate.

2. My kids are in Elementary/ Middle school, can I register them individually?

You can register your Elementary/Middle school kids together along with you as parent/adult on one registration form. Click here to access the form on the website.

[Unite & Inspire Volunteer Registration](#)

Your information as adult registration will be captured along with Elementary/Middle School Kids.

Elementary & Middle School kids require at least one parent/guardian to register. It is mandatory as per the guidelines set by U&I and our partner collaborators. They would be responsible for chaperoning the children and participating in an activity along with the children as required.

Steps Involved:

- **Choose the right registration form for Adult, High School or Family (Adult with EMS and/or MS Kids)**
- **Enter all the mandatory Parent Information along with information for each child you are registering. Please do make sure that they child's Age at the time of registration is correct. Child's Grade and School is always for the next academic school year they will be enrolled for.**

Ex: Registering/Renewing

A child who is graduating 5th Grade currently in May – would need to be entered as 6th Grade which they will start from September of that year.



A child who is graduating 8th Grade currently in May – would need to be entered as 9th Grade which they will start from September of that year

- Payment will be calculated for both Parent + Child(s) being registered in case of Family registration.

3. How can I register multiple kids?

Please choose one of the links below based on your criteria. If you are registering your elementary or a middle school child, use either of the Family Registration Links

- a. **U&I Family Membership (1 Adult with 1 Child Only) Form**
- b. **U&I Family Membership (1 Adult with 2 Children Only) Form**

4. I am a high school student; how do I renew my membership?

Go to Registration Page [Unite & Inspire Volunteer Registration](#) and choose U&I High School Membership Form

5. I am an adult and would like to give my time to the organization. My child is a high school student, do I still need to register?

Yes, we would need all our team members and active volunteers/participants to be registered with us in alignment with the regulations of nonprofit organizations, and the guidelines of U&I. Please use **adult registration Form** on our site.

6. What's the next step once I register?

All registrations once submitted are processed in the order they are received. Once the registration team reviews the form and payments, they will reach out to the volunteer (Adult or HS) if they have any questions. Only upon successful review the registration is considered Complete. All registrations will receive a welcome email message with the information required for new and/or renewing volunteers as appropriate.

Volunteers can then be onboarded to Slack if not already present from previous year.

7. Why do Adults need to submit Background Check Verification?

All Adults are required to submit Background Check Verification as per the Non-Profit guidelines.

The welcome email message sent will have the relevant information and steps to follow if background checks are required as part of the registration/renewal process.



Please do kindly submit the Background Check Verification immediately as they are time sensitive links which would other expire within a couple of days.

8. My friends are interested in joining our organization, can they join?

Yes, the registrations and memberships are open to all. Please share the link of our website:

[Unite & Inspire Volunteer Registration](#) to your friends and family and those who are interested.

9. How do we apply for Summer Internships? When are the applications open?

Eligibility for Summer Internships:

1. U&I Active Registered Member
2. Must be 14 yrs. old by May 30 of the year when you apply for internship

Applications will be released *on/after May 1st. Interviews will be scheduled, and selected candidates are given mandatory orientation on the scheduled dates.

10. Who do we contact for registration questions?

Please feel free to contact the below for any questions you may have regarding registrations & memberships.

registrations@uniteandinspire.org or Slack Channel: #help-me

11. How do the U&I Activities work?

Every month volunteers will receive their monthly sign ups via Signup Genius email with all the activities available for that specific month, dates & slots.

Please note all volunteering activities are strictly in accordance with the norms of our partnering organizations and are age appropriate. So, please do carefully "READ" all the guidelines, expectations and details carefully before signing up for your spot.

12. Do you have any Special Activities or Projects?

U&I's unique collaborative project "Share & Grow" and "Rise & Thrive" offers specialized and result driven projects specific to the needs of our collaborating non-profits. These could be special projects for Middle & High Schoolers or Internships for High Schoolers.

Details & Sign-ups are sent by our team promptly to volunteers.



U&I also conducts special workshops for our collaborating Non-profits for the community. Volunteers are given an opportunity to assist and lead the workshops. Sign Ups & details are shared periodically as appropriate.

13. Can volunteers submit these hours to schools - NEHS/NJHS/YES/X2vol etc.?

Yes, Volunteers are required to submit the School Form correctly filled to Servicehours@uniteandinspire.org. Upon verification & approval by our service hours team which will be communicated via email, volunteers can submit the forms to the school.

Few things to keep in mind:

The service must be U&I activity and benefiting org must be listed as Unite & Inspire on the form. Contact information needs to be filled out duly. Need to submit at least 48-72 hrs. in advance from the date this is needed to be submitted to school.

14. Do volunteers get any recognition for activities volunteered?

All volunteers get recognition for the hours volunteered.

Please check the website [Resources – Unite & Inspire](#) for sample format Log Hours for PVSA to download and maintaining your activity hours.

Please make sure to log volunteer's service hours promptly in the file it after every activity.

Keep the sheet updated and maintain it with you till end-of-the-year submission.

The Log hours are required to be submitted by each volunteer at the end of the year.

Unite & Inspire is a PVSA Certifying Organization for Permanent Residents and Citizens of the USA to recognize their volunteering services. Upon accumulating the required number of hours per guidelines, they would be awarded Medals/Certificates at the end of the year when they meet the requirements of the PVSA Medallion.

Here is the website of PVSA: <https://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/>