**ESL Program Volunteer Form**

Thank you for your interest in the ESL Program at the Somerville Public Library!

Do you speak English? Are you reliable, adaptable, welcoming, and friendly? Are you looking for a rewarding volunteer opportunity that helps people in your community learn English?

You may be a great addition to our volunteer teaching team. English classes at the Somerville Public Library are informal, fun, and popular. A core group of reliable, dedicated, and enthusiastic volunteers are essential to make this program run successfully.

The ESL Program is looking for people who can make a **weekly commitment to at least one of our three weekly ESL classes**. We are looking for folks with staying power and a willingness to work with all levels of English Language Learners. Our wonderful students grow to rely on us and you will grow to care about them too.

No prior experience teaching English is required. If you're willing to get people talking, and if you are a good listener and coach, you will do splendidly. We all help each other, observe each other's teaching styles, share hints and encouragement, and learn together as we go.

**A special note to teachers who have previous classroom experience or ESL certification**: Our classes don’t operate as traditional classes do. They are drop-in style, informal, and change from week to week. If you let go of expectations about teaching and jump into our learning community, you may be pleasantly surprised!

We work in small groups where tutors take turns working with different students at different ability levels each week. Class materials are provided, but we welcome any ideas and activities volunteers may have. Since we all have particular skills to share, it helps if we all take joint responsibility for the learning of students at all levels. It’s fun to get to know everyone and to help other teachers track the progress of individual students.

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**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Are you 18 years or older?** Yes No

**Emergency Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**How did you hear about our program?** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Why are you interested in volunteering for the ESL Program?** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**I acknowledge the COVID-19 Vaccination is Required.** Yes \_\_\_\_\_

*To better protect the health and safety of staff and the public, all City of Somerville employees and volunteers must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 as of November 1, 2021. Exemptions and/or reasonable accommodations are not guaranteed and will be reviewed by the City of Somerville Human Resources Department on a case-by-case basis. Learn more at* [*somervillema.gov/HR/COVID19*](https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/human-resources/covid19)*.*

**Volunteer Commitment Section** (please select all that apply)

I agree to join the Somerville Public Library's ESL Program as a volunteer for a trial period of four weeks.

I agree to make a weekly commitment to the Program after the trial period.

I agree to contact the Program when I'm unable to attend. I'll give notice in advance when I can.

**I understand that the Program's needs change over time, depending on the numbers of students attending the program. I'd like to help out where I am most needed.**

Yes

**Do you have anything else you would like to add?** (certifications, languages, interests, etc.)

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**We look forward to getting to know you better!**