



TEEN VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

OUR MISSION

The Alive Center's mission is to provide the community with a welcoming place to create, play, learn and connect with what makes them come alive. Alive's NaperBridge Teen Program focuses on providing teens with a safe, fun place to lead, grow, belong and be empowered in a values-driven environment.

Do you remember that one caring adult or older teen you looked up to as a younger teen?

You can be that caring role model for a Naperville teen. NaperBridge at the Alive Center is looking for volunteers who can help mentor our teens during our free teen drop-in hours. The ultimate purpose of this position is to provide a welcoming and safe place for students to feel and belong. We are a 501c3 nonprofit and thus all volunteer hours count toward volunteer hours that teens need for programs such as the National Honors Society.



VOLUNTEER COMMITMENTS:

- Time Commitment: Typically 3 hours per shift.
- Shifts are Monday through Friday 3:00 – 6:00 pm.
- Engage teens through conversations, games, and planned activities.
- Provide academic support.
- Be a positive role model/mentor for teens.
- Assist in set up and clean-up of the facility.
- Sign for as many or as little shifts as you would like using our online TeamUp tool

VOLUNTEER QUALITIES:

- Agree with and support the mission of NaperBridge at the Alive Center.
- Be faithful, responsible, teachable and available.
- Have a sense of humor and like to have fun.
- Understand the unique dynamics of teens or are willing to learn.
- Genuinely love and enjoy helping others.
- Show equal respect and kindness to all that enter the Alive Center.

VOLUNTEER VALUES:

- **Belonging:** NaperBridge at the Alive Center volunteers will provide a supportive place where every participant is listened to, respected, and valued in a safe and friendly environment.
- **Collaboration:** NaperBridge at the Alive Center volunteers will work closely with families, schools, and other organizations to provide community-based solutions for the real needs of teens.
- **Excellence:** NaperBridge at the Alive Center volunteers will strive to deliver high-quality programs and ground its work in insights gained from experience, knowledge, and research of best practices.
- **Safety:** NaperBridge at the Alive Center volunteers will create a safe environment by following best practices in registration, check-in, teen/staff ratios, volunteer screening, code of conduct, and security.
- **Empowerment:** NaperBridge at the Alive Center volunteers will empower teens through relationships, artistic expression, leadership opportunities, social responsibility, life skills and play.



VOLUNTEER APPLICATION PROCESS:

In order to become a NaperBridge at the Alive Center volunteer, please complete the following steps:

1. Complete a volunteer application (the next two pages) and return it to NaperBridge at the Alive Center via mail, email, texted picture from your phone or in person.
2. Please provide two adult references in your application - that are not your parents - whom we can contact.
3. NaperBridge at the Alive Center will contact you to schedule a personal interview or an orientation.
4. Attend a volunteer orientation and complete safety and protection training.
5. Get started!
6. Please direct questions to info@alivenaperville.com



Thank you for your interest in NaperBridge at the Alive Center. We offer a wide variety of volunteer opportunities throughout the year. In order to become a volunteer, please complete the following application.

Applicant Information

Name: _____ DOB _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address

_____ City State Zip Code

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

E-Mail: _____

School & Year: _____

Reference #1 Name and Contact Info: _____

Reference #2 Name and Contact Info: _____

Education or special skills related to potential volunteer experience:

Do you speak a language other than English? _____ If yes, what language? _____

Why do you want to volunteer at Alive?



Volunteer Informed Consent and Release

I offer to volunteer my services to NaperBridge at the Alive Center, and recognize that I will not be paid in any way. As a volunteer, I acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury to volunteers in their activities, and I agree to assume full risk of any and all injuries, damages or loss, that I may sustain as a result of said participation. I further agree to waive and relinquish all claims I may have as a result of volunteering in this activity against Alive/NaperBridge, including its officers, officials, agents, volunteers, and employees. I give consent for Alive/NaperBridge to use photos/video of me in future publication and promotions and that these photos/videos remain property of Alive/NaperBridge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

NaperBridge Policies Statement of Understanding

I understand the guidelines and policies outlined in the NaperBridge at the Alive Center Volunteer Application. I agree that it is my responsibility to serve the best interest of the teens, maintain a safe environment, and initiate and maintain healthy boundaries with teens.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

AUTHORIZATION

By signing below, I hereby authorize, without reservation, TRAK-1 to furnish the above mentioned and requested information. You further authorize ongoing procurement of the above-mentioned information, reports and records at any time during your volunteerism or in the course of considering you for a volunteer position. You also agree that a fax or photocopy of this authorization with your signature is accepted as having the same authority as the original. You further authorize and request, without reservation, any present or former employer, school, police department, division of motor vehicles, or other persons or agencies having knowledge about you to furnish ALIVE/NAPERBRIDGE with any and all background information in their possession regarding you, so that your volunteer qualifications may be evaluated and/or reassessed.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF SUMMARY OF RIGHTS

By signing below, I certify: (1) that I have read and fully understand this disclosure and authorization; (2) that all of the information I am providing is true, complete, correct and accurate; and (3) that I have received the attached Summary of Your Rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. §1681 et seq.).

Signature: _____ Date: _____