

BCPS Volunteer Training Webinar

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- Nyasha Mighty-Hinds
 - BCPS Office of Strategic Partnerships
- Rachel Robuste
 - BCPS 2024 School-Related Employee of the Year
 - School Volunteer Liaison, Liberty Elementary School
- Albert Jonson
 - Raptor Technologies, LLC
- Sheilynn Carrasco
 - South Florida Institute on Aging
- Eric Chisem
 - BCPS Office of Strategic Partnerships

Agenda

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- ❖ Examples of Volunteer Opportunities
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- ❖ Closing Remarks



The Role of a BCPS Volunteer



- An individual with a sincere interest to contribute to the education of BCPS students
- Serves at the District or school-level during regular hours, at a special one-time activity or event, or work on school projects at home



Examples of Volunteer Opportunities

- Classroom Presentations
- **Classroom Assistance**
- **Clerical Aid**
- **Coaching***
- Concierge Assistant
- Exceptional Education Support
- **Field Trips**
- **Media Center/Library**
- **Overnight Chaperones***
- **Read Aloud**
- **Special Projects**
- Translator
- **Tutoring**



ASK YOUR SCHOOL ABOUT THEIR OPPORTUNITIES.

The Importance of Volunteers



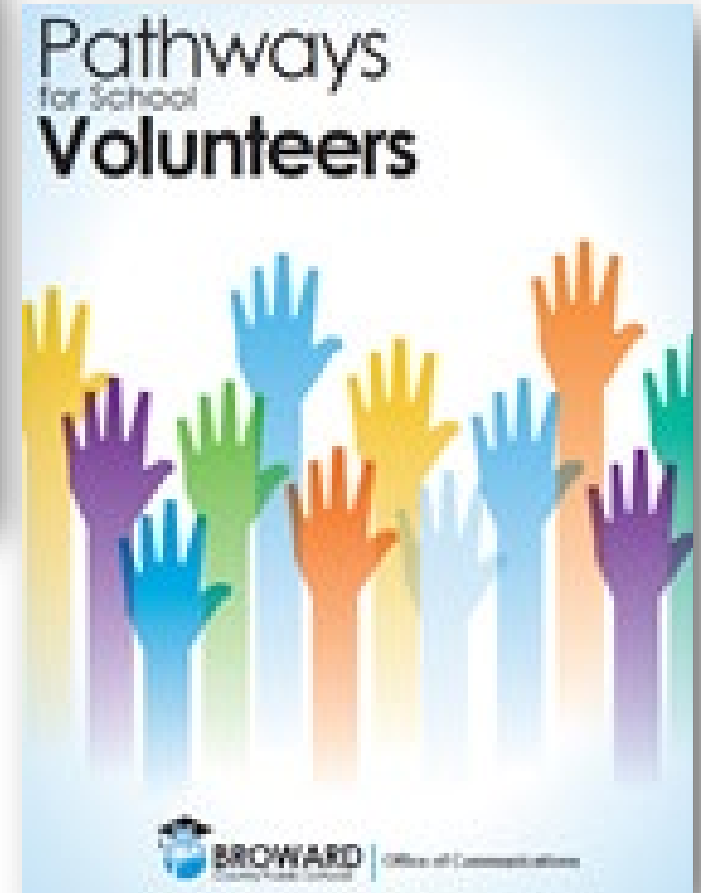
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- *BCPS 2024 School-Related Employee of the Year*
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Volunteer Resources

The screenshot shows the Broward County Public Schools website. The header includes a language selector, the district logo, and navigation links for Parents & Families, Students, and Staff. A main navigation bar lists various school-related topics. The page content is titled 'Volunteering at Broward County Public Schools' and includes a sidebar with links to 'GET INVOLVED WITH BCPS' resources like Overview, Advisory Committees, and various programs. The main content area features a video player showing a teacher and students, a 'CONTACT INFORMATION' section for the Office of Communications, and a 'GET INVOLVED' section with a 'CLICK HERE' button to 'APPLY ONLINE BECOME A BCPS VOLUNTEER'.



- ☐ Frequently Asked Questions
- ☐ List of the School Volunteer Liaisons
- ☐ Volunteer Application Disclosure
- ☐ Volunteer Attendance Log
- ☐ Volunteer Manual
- ☐ Volunteer Portal



VOLUNTEER RESOURCES

Volunteer Application Process

**ALL
VOLUNTEERS**

CLICK HERE



APPLY ONLINE
BECOME A
BCPS
VOLUNTEER

Step
1

Complete online application at
browardschools.com/volunteer

Step
2

Wait to receive approval
email with information about
volunteer portal

Step
3

Contact school volunteer
liaison about current
opportunities



FOR SSN QUESTIONS, CALL 754-321-2374.

Level 2 Clearance

- SVL/School personnel sends request to Security Clearance
- Only for individuals serving as an Athletic/Band Coach or Overnight Chaperone
- Online application and fingerprinting
- Up to 10-day waiting period
- Valid for five years; renew personal information annually



Raptor Volunteer Module



Albert Jonson

Customer Success Manager
Raptor Technologies, LLC



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Volunteering at Broward County Public Schools



Watch volunteer video.

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The application must not be completed by individuals who wish to volunteer with a Charter/Private school. To volunteer with a Charter/Private school, please contact the school to discuss their volunteer application process.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

Phone: 754-321-2300


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Dr. Carolyn Stewart

District Community Relations Coordinator


VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

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• [Volunteer Services Disclosure](#)

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Students who wish to volunteer may contact the [Athletics and Student Activities department](#) at 754-321-1201.

NOTE: To volunteer with Broward County Public Schools, social security numbers are required for background screening. For more information, see the [SSN Disclosure](#).

If you have questions, please contact Volunteer Services at 754-321-2300 or volunteer@browardschools.com.

Thank you for your continued support of our students and schools.

NOTE: If you would like to become a BCPS mentor, please contact the [Office of Equity, Diversity and School Climate](#) at 754-321-1600.

QUICK LINKS

Broward Education Foundation

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Volunteer Services Disclosure

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Volunteer Services Disclosure, Cont.

The screenshot displays the 'Volunteer Services Disclosure' page on the Broward County Public Schools website. The page features a blue header with navigation links: Home, About Us, Academics, Directory, School Board, Community, Careers, and Contact Us. A search bar is located on the right. Below the header, a breadcrumb trail reads: Home » Community » Get Involved with BCPS » Volunteer Disclosure. The main content area is titled 'Volunteer Services Disclosure' and includes a sub-header 'Guidelines for Volunteers'. The guidelines are listed as follows:

1. Your main concern while engaged in school activities should be the safety and education of all student.
2. You must not give students medication.
3. You shall not disclose or share with anyone in any manner (written, electronically or verbally) any student information, which may include academic performance, behavior, disabilities, and personal or family matters, obtained from any source (written records, verbal communications, or direct observation), except for information dealing with a reasonable suspicion that a child is abused, abandoned or neglected, which must be reported to a school administrator (Chapters 39.201, 1002.22, and 1002.221, Florida Statutes).
4. You shall not photograph, videotape or record audio of any student without permission from both the parent and the principal.
5. You may not supervise a classroom or discipline students. These are the responsibilities of the teacher and the schools.
6. You will be assigned only to staff members and/or students requesting help.
7. You should set a good example for students by your manner.

The page also includes a sidebar with a 'GET INVOLVED WITH BCPS' section containing links to Overview, Advisories and Committees, Broward Education Foundation, Community/Employee Recognition Programs, Mentoring Across Broward, Send Your Sales Tax to Schools, Superintendent's Screening Program, and Volunteer Services.

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District Volunteer Application

Welcome

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Broward County Public Schools. Our District offers a variety of opportunities for you to volunteer and assist in the success of our schools and students. This online application is the first step in the process. Simply complete and submit the application, and upon approval, you will receive instructions on next steps.

NOTE: When completing this application, only select schools at which you wish to volunteer and receive communication.

It is very important that the information you enter on the application matches your government-issued identification, including your full legal name. It is also important that you provide a valid email address, so you can be notified regarding the status of your application, as well as to receive future communications.

Before completing your application it is important that you read the Volunteer Services Disclosure at browardschools.com/volunteerdisclosure. Please note, if you leave the application before it is completed, you will need to re-enter your information.

For questions, contact Volunteer Services at 754-321-2300 or volunteer@browardschools.com.

We appreciate your willingness to serve our students and schools and look forward to working with you.


Sincerely,

BCPS Volunteer Services

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Legal Middle Name *

I don't have a middle name ☐

Legal Last Name *

Maiden Name

Gender *

Date Of Birth *

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Address Line 1 *

Address Line 2 / Apt # / Building #

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State/Province/Region *

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Maiden Name

Gender *

Date Of Birth *

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Affiliation *

Are you a Broward County Public Schools Employee? *

Please select one

City *

State/Province/Region *

Postal/Zip Code *

Phone Number *

Email *

Do you meet the criteria for public records exemption under Florida Statute 119.07 (i.e., first responder, judge, etc.)?

Please select one

Please note: An email will be sent to the email address entered to inform you of the status of your application. If you do not have access to email, please enter volunteer@browardschools.com and a district administrator will call you regarding the status. Note: Failure to provide a valid social security number will result in your application being denied.

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Legal Last Name *
Raptor

Maiden Name

Gender *
Male

Date Of Birth *
05 25 1988

Affiliation *
Other

Are you a Broward County Public Schools Employee? *
No

Email *
mtr@test.com

Do you meet the criteria for public records exemption under Florida Statute 119.07 (i.e., first responder, judge, etc.)?
No

Please note: An email will be sent to the email address entered to inform you of the status of your application. If you do not have access to email, please enter volunteer@browardschools.com and a district administrator will call you regarding the status. Note: Failure to provide a valid social security number will result in your application being denied.

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Please confirm the accuracy of the following information—which must match your government-issued ID. If your first, middle, last name, and date of birth is incorrect, your application will not be processed correctly.

Legal First Name Michael **Legal Middle Name** Dennis **Legal Last Name** Raptor

Date Of Birth 5/25/1988 **Email** mtr@test.com

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Please select the schools at which you wish to volunteer

Search All Schools and Buildings

☐ All Schools (district-wide)

Elementary Schools

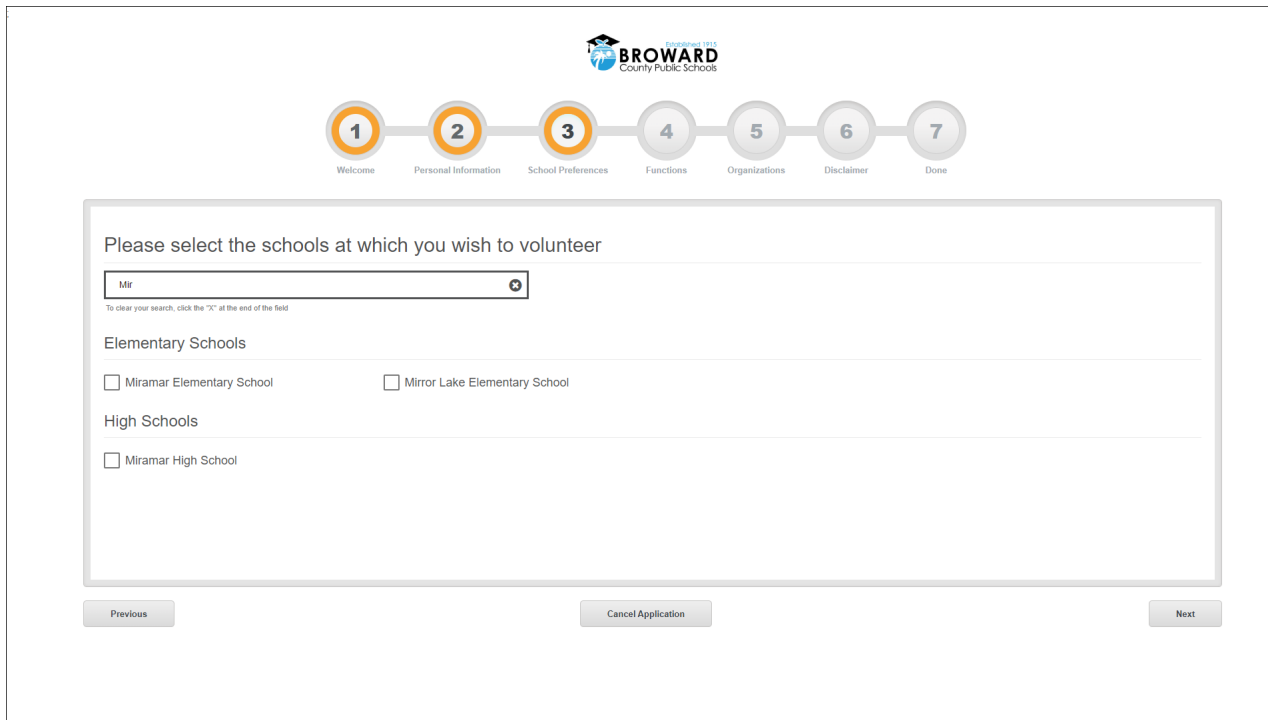
<input type="checkbox"/> All Elementary Schools	<input type="checkbox"/> Annabel C Perry Elementary School	<input type="checkbox"/> Atlantic Montessori Charter School	<input type="checkbox"/> Atlantic West Elementary School
<input type="checkbox"/> Banyan Elementary School	<input type="checkbox"/> Bayview Elementary School	<input type="checkbox"/> Beachside Montessori Village School	<input type="checkbox"/> Ben Gamla Charter - N Broward
<input type="checkbox"/> Bennett Elementary School	<input type="checkbox"/> Boulevard Heights Elementary School	<input type="checkbox"/> Bright Horizons School	<input type="checkbox"/> Broadview Elementary School
<input type="checkbox"/> Broward Estates Elementary School	<input type="checkbox"/> Castle Hill Elementary School	<input type="checkbox"/> Central Park Elementary School	<input type="checkbox"/> Challenger Elementary School
<input type="checkbox"/> Chapel Trail Elementary School	<input type="checkbox"/> Charles Drew Elementary School	<input type="checkbox"/> Charles Drew Family Resource Center	<input type="checkbox"/> Coconut Creek Elementary School


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School Selection Page – Using the Filter



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Please select the schools at which you wish to volunteer



To clear your search, click the "X" at the end of the field


Elementary Schools

☐ Miramar Elementary School ☐ Mirror Lake Elementary School

High Schools

☐ Miramar High School

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Please select the functions from the list below. (select all that apply)

Functions available at all schools (functions are activities for which you can volunteer)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aftercare	<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Auditorium	<input type="checkbox"/> Cafeteria
<input type="checkbox"/> Career Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Career Shadowing/Internship	<input type="checkbox"/> Classroom Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> Classroom Presenter/Speaker
<input type="checkbox"/> Clerical Aid	<input type="checkbox"/> Concierge Assistant	<input type="checkbox"/> Exceptional Education Support	<input type="checkbox"/> FAFSA Coach
<input type="checkbox"/> Field Trip	<input type="checkbox"/> Home Projects	<input type="checkbox"/> Latinos in Action	<input type="checkbox"/> I'm Thumbody
<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health America of Southeast Florida	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet the Masters	<input type="checkbox"/> Mentor	<input type="checkbox"/> Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders


Requires Fingerprinting ***ONLY SELECT IF INSTRUCTED BY SCHOOL OR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION***

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☐ Read Aloud

☐ School Advisory Council/Student Advisory Forum

☐ Speech/Debate Program

☐ Student Clubs/Activities

☐ Translator

☐ Band/Music Program

☐ Athletic Coach

☐ Foster Grandparent

☐ Health Room Aid

☐ Literacy Coach

☐ Overnight Chaperone

☐ Tutoring

☐ Listening Partner

☐ PTA/PTSA

☐ Media Room/Library

☐ DISTRICT STAFF ONLY

Requires Fingerprinting ***ONLY SELECT IF INSTRUCTED BY YOUR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION***

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Please select this function if you are a District staff member.

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Please select the organization(s) on behalf of which you are volunteering (if not applicable, select "None")

Organizations associated with all schools


<input type="checkbox"/> 100 Black Men of Greater Fort Lauderdale	<input type="checkbox"/> 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Advisory/Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> American Red Cross
<input type="checkbox"/> Big Brothers/Big Sisters	<input type="checkbox"/> Bridge2Life	<input type="checkbox"/> AmeriCorps	<input type="checkbox"/> Be Strong International
<input type="checkbox"/> Collegiate	<input type="checkbox"/> Feeding South Florida	<input type="checkbox"/> Broward County Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Business
<input type="checkbox"/> KAPOW	<input type="checkbox"/> JA World	<input type="checkbox"/> Guardian Ad Litem Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Hands On Broward
<input type="checkbox"/> Libraries	<input type="checkbox"/> Media	<input type="checkbox"/> Kiwanis	<input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement
<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health America of Southeast	<input type="checkbox"/> Municipality	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Association of South Florida
<input type="checkbox"/> ...	<input type="checkbox"/> ...	<input type="checkbox"/> ...	<input type="checkbox"/> ...

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Please read the disclaimer below and provide your signature

I certify that I am over age 18 and wish to serve as a school volunteer at the District school of my choice. Typical volunteer activities may include but are not limited to reading, classroom assistance, tutoring, and other supervised student activities. (If you are interested in volunteering at a charter school or are a student interested in community service, please contact the school directly and inquire about volunteer opportunities.)

I authorize Broward County Public Schools to conduct a criminal background check. (FS119.071(5)(a)2 & 6)

Before signing the application, [click here](#) to read the Volunteer Services Disclosure, which is also available at [browardschools.com/volunteerdisclosure](#).

By providing my signature, I certify that I have read the Volunteer Services Disclosure and agree to abide by the policies, procedures and guidelines of Broward County Public Schools Volunteer Services program.

Name

Michael Raptor

Social Security Number *

Your social security number will not be saved or used for any other purpose.

Re-Enter Social Security Number *

Signature *


By signing your name you agree to all the above statements. Use the mouse or touch screen to sign.

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Thank You

Your volunteer application has been successfully submitted and will be reviewed by the District's Security Clearance office. application screening process may take up to two weeks.

Due to the implementation of the new visitor management system, the

After review, you will be notified as to your volunteer status.

If you have questions, contact Volunteer Services at 754-321-2300 or volunteer@browardschools.com.

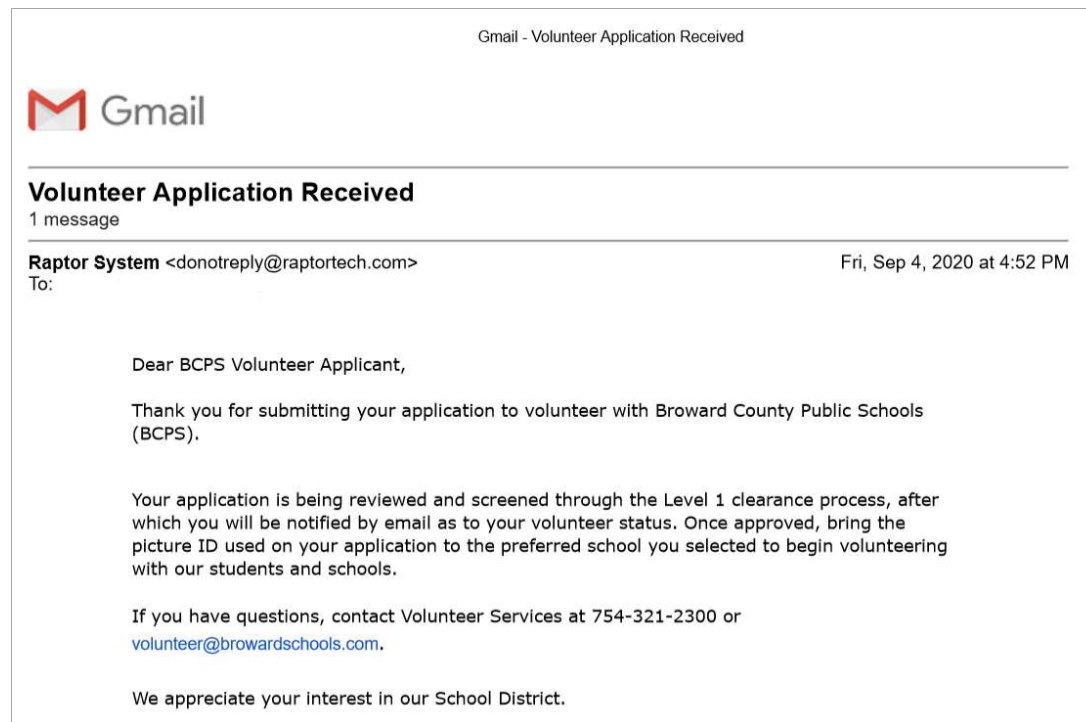
Sincerely,

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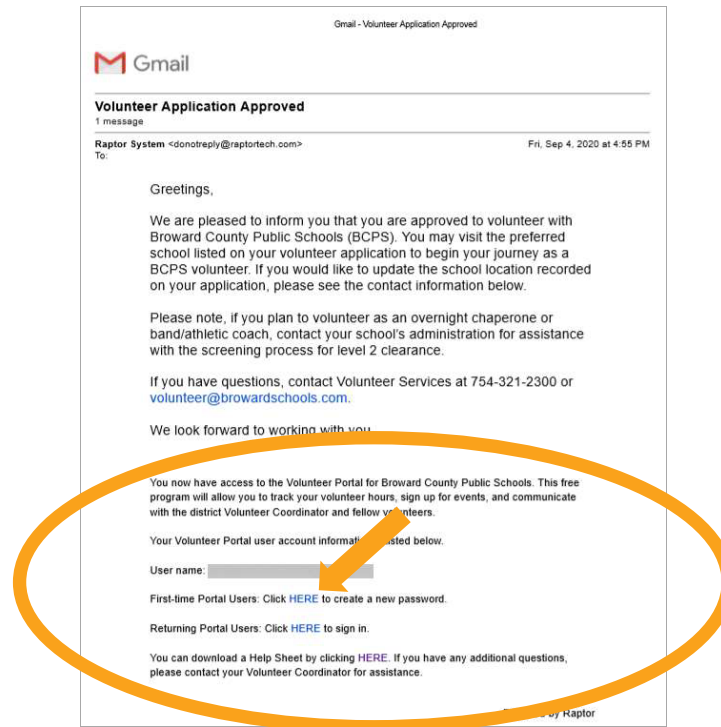
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Application Received Email



Application Approved Email



Volunteer Portal



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You are already logged in as apeel@raptortech.com but you tried to access a resource that you do not have permission for. Please login with an account that does have access or contact your administrator to grant you access.

New users must change their password

Enter New Password

Confirm New Password

[Save New Password](#) [Cancel](#)

support@raptortech.com
1-877-7RAPTOR | 713-880-8902


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My Profile



First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
<input type="text" value="Bruce"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="Adams"/>
Date Of Birth	ID Type	ID Number
<input type="text" value="09/18/1998"/>	<input type="text" value="Not Specified"/>	<input type="text"/>

Maiden Name	Gender	Race	Expiration Date
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="Male"/>	<input type="text" value="Unspecified"/>	<input type="text" value="04/19/2027"/>

Address

Address 2	Address 3
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

City	State/Province/Region	Postal/Zip Code	Country
<input type="text" value="Houston"/>	<input type="text" value="Texas"/>	<input type="text" value="77002"/>	<input type="text" value="US"/>

Email	Primary Phone	Second Phone	Third Phone
<input type="text" value="[REDACTED]"/>	<input type="text" value="(555) 554-5454"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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Affiliation	Preferred Language
<input type="text" value="Uncle"/>	<input type="text" value="English"/>

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▼Current Hours Logged+Add Hours

<u>Details</u>	<u>Function</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Start Date/...</u>	<u>End Date/Ti...</u>	<u>Total Time</u>	<u>Self Entered</u>	<u>Options</u>
Details	Library Helper	Washington Elementary	07/10/23 2:58 PM	07/10/23 5:00 PM	02 hrs 02 mins	No	
Details	Concessions	Washington Elementary	07/06/23 6:00 PM	07/06/23 7:40 PM	01 hrs 40 mins	Yes	Remove
Details	Cafeteria Helper	Washington Elementary	06/10/23 1:58 PM	06/10/23 10:00 PM	08 hrs 02 mins	No	

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Event Management

Available Upcoming Events

Details	Event	Start Date/Time	End Date/Time	Sign Up
Details	Spring Fling	05/09/24 3:30 PM	05/09/24 6:30 PM	Sign Up
Details	Fall Fundraiser	09/23/23 8:00 AM	09/23/23 3:00 PM	Sign Up

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My Upcoming Events

Details	Event	Start Date/Time	End Date/Time	Remove
Details	Grandparent's Day Lunch	11/17/23 10:45 AM	11/17/23 1:15 PM	Remove

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[Contact Volunteer Coordinator](#)


<u>Select</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Email Address</u>	<u>Primary Phone</u>	<u>Second Phone</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ralph	Delgado	[REDACTED]	(555) 555-5848	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer	Thompson	[REDACTED]	(555) 555-5433	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Macey	Johnson	[REDACTED]	(555) 555-5584	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jeremiah	Bown	[REDACTED]	(555) 555-5584	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Janet	Wilkes	[REDACTED]	(555) 555-9493	

[Create Email](#)

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My Preferences

General

Time Zone

(UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Cana ▾

My Sharing Information

Share my telephone number(s) with other volunteers

Yes ▾

Allow other volunteers to contact me via email

Yes ▾

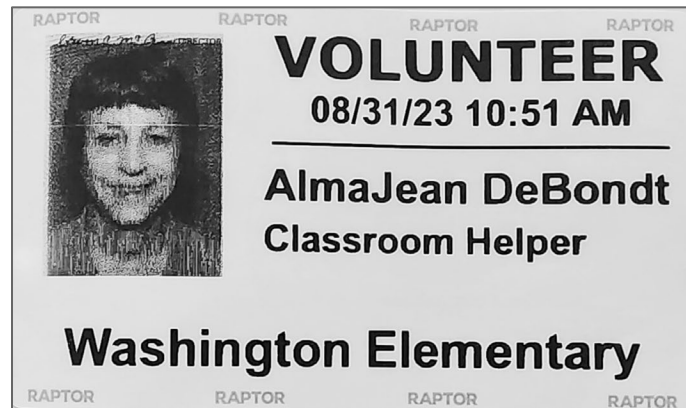
Save

Cancel

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Signing in at a Campus

- Bring ID
- Receive Volunteer Badge each Visit



Foster Grandparent Program



South Florida
Institute on Aging

Sheilynn Carrasco

Youth Services Director



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South Florida *Institute on Aging*

1005 W State Road 84 #435
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315

Phone: (954) 484-7117

www.thesofia.org



Who We Are

SoFIA was formed in 1965 to harness the invaluable work and life experience of older adults, to help at-risk children achieve, struggling veterans and their families succeed, in-need seniors thrive, and Broward County non-profits innovate. This yields a double benefit – to the individuals and communities who benefit from the volunteer services and the volunteer themselves who realize proven health benefits through social interaction, ongoing engagement, opportunities to contribute, and a sense of purpose and accomplishment.

Our Mission & Our Vision

- Our Holistic Approach improves economic stability, and social insights and community services that empower people to thrive as they age.
- To connect, enhance and change lives through volunteerism.

SoFIA Program & Services

- SoFIA Care Services
- SoFIA Community Services
- SoFIA Youth Services
- SoFIA Tech Services

Foster Grandparent Program

Foster Grandparents serve in Title 1 schools, nonprofit childcare centers and preschools throughout Broward County to support at risk students. Volunteers tutor, mentor and nurture children to help them advance academically and socially.

Eligibility & Benefits

- Age 55 years and older
- Meet income guidelines and no longer employed
- Pass Level II background screening
- Pass annual physical
- Serve 15- 20 hours weekly
- Complete 40 hours of initial training and attend ongoing monthly trainings
- Receive hourly stipend & travel reimbursement

Application & Placement Process

- Preliminary Interview (phone or in person)
- Completion of Application
 - Proof of Income
 - Proof of ID
 - Permission to conduct background check
- Completion of Background Clearance (NSPOW & Level II Clearance)
- Physical/Wellness Exam
- Completion of 20 hours of training
- Contact Site (School & Child Care) to confirm classroom placement
- Completion of site training & site shadowing
- Probationary Period & 90 day review (Performance Evaluations)

Child Assignment Plan

(Pre/Post Data Collected)

Child Assignment Plan must be completed bi-annually. The Program Staff reviews the Plan with the Foster Grandparent to ensure understanding about how to support the assigned children. The Child Assignment Plan should be completed each time a new child is assigned to a Foster Grandparent. This document is then signed by the Foster Grandparent, the Site Supervisor, and the Program Director. This plan includes the following:

- Child served (name and demographics)
- Period of time the child will receive support
- # of hours served per week

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Volunteer Awards and Recognition

❖ District-Level Awards

- 2025 Community Involvement Awards
 - Thursday, May 22, 2025
 - Outstanding Volunteer Awards
 - Years of Service Awards
- Hours of Service Award
 - April / May



❖ Florida School Volunteer Appreciation Month National Volunteer Appreciation Month

- April 2025



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2024 College Fair

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We Need Help From You!

- ✓ Help With Check-In
- ✓ Greet College Representatives
- ✓ Hospitality Suite Assistance
- ✓ Parking Assistance

Monday, September 30th

Morning & Evening Shifts
8:00am-12:00 p.m. & 4:00-8:00 p.m.



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Closing Remarks



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