

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

## **What is the required time commitment?**

SCI volunteers are not required to commit to any set amount of hours. SCI recognizes your generosity in donating your time to us here at the museum and will do what we can to help ensure your volunteer schedule fits with your day-to-day life. We do; however, suggest that volunteers work a routine schedule (once a week, once a month, twice a month, etc.) in an effort to establish relationships with our staff and our participants.

## **Is there a schedule requirement for volunteering?**

This is a very flexible volunteering program; most of our volunteers will spend 3-5 hours volunteering each week. The Museum is open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Mondays – Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Fridays and on Sundays from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Some of our events have dedicated volunteers specific to their schedules.

## **Does this position pay?**

SCI volunteers support the Museum by donating their time and talent. Our volunteers are unpaid. We do offer a comprehensive benefits package to our volunteers as a way for SCI to say thank you for their time and dedication.

## **How often do orientations occur?**

Orientations are currently scheduled once a month based on needs and opportunities.

## **How old do I have to be to volunteer?**

Volunteers have to be 16 years of age or older.

## **Can I volunteer if I am a college student and only home for the summer/winter?**

Absolutely! SCI values the wealth of knowledge and innovation that students can offer our staff, our programs, and most importantly, our guests! We do ask that students who volunteer over the summer dedicate themselves to a weekly or bi-monthly routine to their schedule.

## **Is parking free?**

Free parking downtown directly across the street from SCI is one of the many perks offered to our volunteers.

## **Further Information**

If we haven't covered your question above, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at [volunteer@sciowa.org](mailto:volunteer@sciowa.org) or (515) 274-6868.



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