
Interpreter

Partner with Arrive Ministries' Reception and Placement services by acting as an interpreter at various appointments, such as Social Security registration, health screenings, or school registration; and for home visits required during the first few months of a newly arrived refugee individual or family. Or work with an individual or a team who have committed to helping with a job search or befriending a family who does not speak any English.



Refugees resettled through Arrive Ministries encounter many obstacles during their initial months in the U.S. Your willingness to help our staff or other volunteers with your interpretive skills will enable newly arrived refugee families or individuals to receive needed support during critical moments in cultural adjustment.

What time commitment is required to be an Interpreter?

We ask that Interpreters are able to commit to at least two half-days per month for 6 months. Weekday opportunities only.

What qualifications do I need to meet to be an Interpreter?

No extensive cross-cultural experience is necessary to be an Interpreter. However, it is important that interpreters be fluent in English as well as the language they are interpreting, so that the messages being shared are very clear. Arrive Ministries does ask that volunteers have a strong desire to work cross-culturally and are willing to make a commitment to do so. It is important for volunteers to be comfortable interacting with those from cultures that may be different from their own. We ask for volunteers to show cultural sensitivity, flexibility, and patience. Volunteers should also be fairly independent and ready to go out of their comfort zone to participate in activities with refugees and/or to connect refugees to resources. The best interest of the refugee family must be a top priority in the minds of all volunteers. Volunteers must be willing to maintain ongoing communication with the Arrive Ministries case management team (when applicable) and Volunteer Coordinator to ensure a positive experience for all involved.

How do I become an Interpreter?

1. Complete the [volunteer application](#) and [background check form](#).
2. Our Volunteer Coordinator will contact you for an interview.
3. Attend a volunteer orientation.
4. Select days and times that will work best with your schedule.
5. An Arrive Ministries staff member or experienced volunteer will meet you at all appointments.
6. Report your hours and how the relationship is going to the Volunteer Coordinator once a month via email or phone.

Contact: For more information, please contact Arrive Ministries' Volunteer Department at 612-746-5633 or email us at mnvolunteers@arriveministries.org.