

Refugee Resettlement & Uniting for Ukraine Program

ESL Tutoring Volunteer Job

Purpose and description: Refugees face many challenges when adjusting to their new life in the U.S. From finding housing and employment, to becoming familiar with a new culture. Both our Refugee Resettlement and Uniting for Ukraine participants are undergoing a very exciting, but also overwhelming time in their lives. However, it all begins with learning the English language and being able to communicate with others in their community. By providing ESL tutoring support, you will be helping refugees gain the language skills to flourish in their new home and community. Perhaps most valuable of all, we hope that the volunteers in our program will build a meaningful connection with our refugee families that will promote their emotional and social wellbeing in the U.S.

Responsibilities:

- Provide 1:1 tutoring support for ESL to newly arriving refugees. Training is provided by HIAS staff.
- Engage participants in conversations that will increase their familiarity with day-to-day interactions.

Location and Time Commitment:

- Volunteers are asked to commit to tutoring once per week for up to 6 months with each tutoring session being 1-2 hours based on the participant and volunteer's agreement.
- Volunteers and participants are expected to come up with a time and location to meet that will work best for the both of them—whether that be in person or virtual—to complete weekly tutoring sessions.
- Tutoring may take place on weekdays or on weekends, depending on schedules and availability. Tutoring is year-round.

Traits:

- Must be 18 years old or older
- Enthusiastic and encouraging
- Comfortable tutoring for ESL
- Respectful of cultural difference and willingness to learn from diverse populations

Eligibility: Volunteers are required to submit a volunteer application, clear a series of background checks, get fingerprints taken, and get a tuberculosis test.