

Refugee Resettlement & Uniting for Ukraine Program

Tutoring Refugee Youth (TRY) Volunteer Job

Purpose and description: Children of refugee families face many challenges when adjusting to their new life in the U.S. From acclimating to a new school to learning a new language, the kids in our *Refugee Resettlement* and *Uniting for Ukraine* programs are undergoing a very exciting, but also overwhelming, time. By providing tutoring support, you will be helping refugee youth better understand their curriculum, advance their English skills, and receive much-needed encouragement in their education. Perhaps most valuable of all, we hope that the volunteers in our program will build a meaningful friendship with the child and their family that promotes mutual social and emotional wellbeing.

Responsibilities:

- Provide 1:1 tutoring support to a newly arrived refugee student in Grades K-12 (ages 5-18). Training is provided by HIAS staff.
- Assist the student by providing homework assistance, ESL support, and encouragement.

Location and Time Commitment:

- Volunteers are asked to commit to tutoring once per week for 6 months with each tutoring session being 1-2 hours based on the family and volunteer's agreement.
- Volunteers are asked to travel to the family's home—most of which are located in and around the Rogers Park neighborhood—to complete weekly tutoring sessions. In some cases, volunteers can tutor youth at an agreed upon third location, such as a public library or park. HIAS staff will make a good faith effort to connect a volunteer with a student whose school and/or home are conveniently located for the volunteer; however, we ask for your flexibility as this may not always be possible.
- Tutoring may take place on weekdays after-school or on weekends, depending on schedules and availability. Tutoring may continue throughout the summer months based on the individual child's needs and interest.

Traits:

- Must be 18 years old or older
- Enjoys working with children and teens
- Enthusiastic and encouraging towards students
- Comfortable tutoring a variety of subjects at different grade levels
- 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, get a tuberculosis test. Under 18 may volunteer if accompanied by a cleared adult.