

Tutor FAQs

Below are frequently asked questions (FAQs):

Q: What are the qualifications to be a volunteer tutor?

A: Tutors must be at least 18 yrs. of age, have a high school diploma or equal, adhere to the Tutor Policies, and submit to a criminal background check. Tutoring does not require teaching experience or the ability to speak another language, but enthusiasm, dependability, patience, and respect are desired tutor traits.

Q: What is the process to become a volunteer tutor?

A: Please contact MARC regarding your interest in becoming a tutor. You will receive an overview of the program, complete a registration form, and sign up to attend a Tutor Training. Volunteer tutors must complete the Tutor Training (approximately 4 hours) This course will introduce you to the techniques used in tutoring and will cover a range of topics: goal setting, lesson planning, tutor responsibilities, resources, and more. After the training, we will match you with a student.

Q: Can I get started as a tutor without the training?

A: Contact us and we can discuss how this might happen.

Q: What is the tutoring time commitment?

A: We ask that you spend at least 1-2 hours a week with your learner. Additional time for lesson planning may be required. While there is no set time when the pairing will end, we do ask for a 6 month commitment from tutors.

Q: Do tutors and learners meet weekly?

A: This is our recommendation. However, we understand that life events will occasionally prevent this from happening. When scheduling conflicts occur, we simply ask that you notify your student and the MARC director in advance.

Q: Where do tutors and learners meet?

A: Tutors and learners are required to meet in public places. We're happy to make a recommendation.

Q: How are tutors and learners matched?

A: We consider schedules, gender/ age preferences, geography, interests, and more.

Q: How quickly will I be matched?

A: There may be a waiting period before you are matched with a learner. The reasons for this are numerous, but mostly it is a matter of matching tutor/learner schedules of availability.

Q: Are there other volunteer opportunities?

A: Yes! Yes. MARC has a number of volunteer needs which may include administrative support, fundraising, community outreach, and serving on our [Board of Directors](#).