

THE VOLUNTEER STAR

a monthly newsletter from your friends at the



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Happy Pride Month! By connecting LGBTQIA+ youth with caring adults invested in their well-being, the mentoring movement creates spaces that foster confidence, promote inclusion and respect, and expand access to quality support and resources. For inspiring stories and essential resources related to mentoring LGBTQIA+ youth, visit: www.mentoring.org/pride

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Juneteenth: June 19**
On **#Juneteenth** ("Freedom Day,") we celebrate the emancipation of those who were enslaved in the U.S. & continue the fight against systemic racism by working with/ young people to drive social equity & racial justice. More: www.mentoring.org/resource/racial-equity/
#MentoringAmplifies #BlackLivesMatter
- **World Refugee Day: June 20**
Did you know that young people comprise over half of the world's refugee population? On **#WorldRefugeeDay**, we center their experiences and spotlight opportunities to connect them with critical resources. Learn more: <https://bit.ly/3uig0TG> **#MentoringAmplifies.**

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JUNE- TEENTH

NEW PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Kansas Volunteer Commission professional development fund allows volunteers, mentors, and/or AmeriCorps staff to access reimbursable professional development in volunteerism and mentoring. This opportunity is only available to individuals who work in Kansas for a Kansas-based organization focused on volunteerism, youth mentoring, or AmeriCorps national service.

Interested individuals will fill out the [Professional Development Fund Request Form](#). Request Forms must be submitted no later than two weeks before the professional development opportunity begins. Submission of this form does not constitute approval of the request. Applicants will receive an email from the Commission approving or disapproving the request within two business days.

Applicants may receive reimbursement for one professional development

opportunity per calendar year. Each organization will reimburse a maximum of two individuals per professional development opportunity.

This is a cost-reimbursement fund. Approved participants will pay for their travel and registration costs upfront. These expenses must be paid for with non-AmeriCorps funds. After the event, participants will submit receipts to the Commission for 50% reimbursement of SOME of their expenses. A check will be mailed within two weeks following the submission of receipts and shared learnings (see below).

Reimbursable expenses include:

- Airfare and baggage fee
- Car rental
- Rideshare (Uber, Lyft) to and from the airport
- Lodging
- Registration fees (CVA includes regular exam fee and renewal exam fee - Does not include retest fee)
- Materials (only applies to Volunteer Administration: Professional Practice textbook for CVA exam)

Reimbursable expenses DO NOT include mileage or per diem (no food cost covered) or any other expenses not specified above.

Only the following Professional Development opportunities may be reimbursed:

- 2024 Certification in Volunteer Administration (CVA) Fall Exam, October 1-14 virtually
- 2025 National Mentor Summit, January 29-31 in Washington DC

The deadline to apply for these professional development opportunities is as follows:

- 2024 Certification in Volunteer Administration fall exam is September 17, 2024
- 2025 National Mentor Summit is January 15, 2025

Following the professional development opportunity, participants will be required to share what they have learned with the Commission. These remarks, along with any submitted photos, may be used in newsletters and social media promotions.

If you have any questions or need clarification, please reach out to volunteer@ksde.org

RURAL AND INDIGENOUS MINI-GRANT OPPORTUNITY

2024 RURAL & INDIGENOUS MINI-GRANT

GUIDELINES & APPLICATION AVAILABLE AT
KANSERVE.ORG

APPLICATIONS DUE 7/1/2024



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Community volunteerism is the ultimate form of civic engagement. When community members give back to the community where they live and volunteer their time to improve the lives of their neighbors, it demonstrates a genuine commitment to civic progress and community growth. Establishing volunteer and mentor opportunities in communities is an essential step in stimulating engagement and deepening the connection between residents and the community. (Source: [How to Start a Volunteer Program in Your Community - civicplus.com](https://www.civicplus.com))

The Rural and Indigenous Communities Mini-Grant is designed to help Rural and Indigenous communities develop or enhance volunteer, mentor, and/or civic engagement initiatives. Also, this grant is intended to help Rural and Indigenous communities address and overcome the unique challenges they may face in engaging community members. Projects may enhance initiatives already in place or develop new ones.

For this grant, “rural communities” applies to locations with a census population of less than 10,000, and “indigenous communities” applies to locations connected to federally recognized Native American tribes.

Apply Now: [here](https://www.kanserve.org) (or directly from the homepage at [kanserve.org](https://www.kanserve.org))

STAFF & COMMISSIONER SPOTLIGHT



KANSAS VOLUNTEER COMMISSION VGF TRAINING HELD AT KSDE HQ

In-person trainer, Demetria Bell Anderson led a workshop on [True Colors](#), a temperament and personality typing program designed to help individuals understand and recognize differences that can lead to miscommunication and conflict.

The True Colors proprietary system distills complex temperament theory into practical tools and actionable programs. We use colors — Orange, Gold, Green, and Blue — to differentiate the four central personality types. These colors lay the foundation of True Colors' fun and insightful personality identification system. True Colors provides individuals with personal and professional development skills and drives organizational excellence through higher engagement, improved communication, and teamwork.

This was provided as part of VGF program training.



KANSAS VOLUNTEER COMMISSION GOES ON UNITED WAY OF KAW VALLEY IMPACT BUS TOUR

The Commission recently went on the United Way of Kaw Valley Impact Bus Tour. This immersive experience provided a unique tour of Topeka's oldest neighborhoods and community partners across the city. The Commission learned about the many inequalities that have affected these neighborhoods and their impact on generations of residents. The Commission also got to visit several of United Way of Kaw Valley's partners in detail and learn about their work in shaping the future of Topeka.

For generations, leaders within communities of color have confronted the manifestations of racial and ethnic inequality in neighborhoods, communities, and institutions. Work by these leaders to confront such inequality is often accomplished through small nonprofit charitable organizations whose innovation has an outsized impact in addressing economic, human service, and educational challenges.

SERVICE ENTERPRISE 2024 COHORT SELECTED



Kansas Volunteer Commission has partnered with the Association of Leaders in Volunteer Engagement (ALIVE) to offer Kansas access to the Service Enterprise program. Service Enterprise (SE) is a national change management program that helps organizations gain a greater return on volunteer investment to better achieve their mission.

The 2024 Service Enterprise cohort as selected, is as follows:

- [First Tee - Greater Topeka](#)
- [Storytime Village](#)
- [Girls on the Run of the Flint Hills](#)

2024 MINI GRANT SERIES

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Guidelines and Application release dates

ELEMENTS OF EFFECTIVE PRACTICE FOR MENTORING

Releases: 1/05/2024

YOUTH CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Releases: 2/09/2024

JUNETEENTH NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

Releases: 3/22/2024

SOCIAL JUSTICE CAPACITY BUILDING

Releases: 4/26/2024

RURAL & INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

Releases: 5/31/2024

9/11 NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

Releases: 7/05/2024

MLK NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

Releases: 10/04/2024



UPCOMING EVENTS

The Mission of Managers of Volunteer Engagement (M.O.V.E.) is to build and engage a network of volunteer managers and cultivate a volunteerism culture.

M.O.V.E.

Meets the Third Wednesday of Each Month

9:00 to 10:00 AM

To learn more, please visit www.moveks.org.

Or reach out via [Facebook](#).

M.O.V.E. Kansas

Statewide-Virtual

Meets the Fourth Thursday of Each Month

9:00 to 10:00 AM

To learn more, please email

mpearson@uwkawvalley.org

Volunteer Managers Network

United Way of the Plains

2023 Dates T.B.D.

12:00 to 1:00 PM

To learn more, please email Abel Frederic

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Volunteers United: Newton

Meets the Fourth Thursday of Each Month

12:00 to 1:00 PM

To learn more, please email Dalton Black

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NOTE: The above dates, times, and locations are subject to change.

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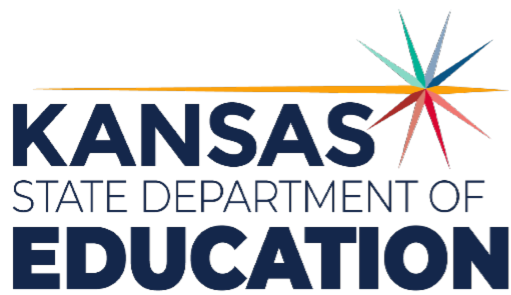
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