

Volunteer Self-Assessment Tool

The Pikes Peak Chapter of the American Red Cross has multiple volunteer opportunities that vary in skill level and time commitment, and we want to help you decide *if our organization is a good match for you*.

Please take a moment to answer for yourself the following questions. Remember that **volunteering is a commitment** and it is **important that you find a place to volunteer that best matches your skills and time availability**.

1. Often people with good intentions are just too busy to volunteer. We rely on volunteers to meet the needs of our clients and customers as well as fulfill administrative gaps for the organization, and many of our volunteer opportunities require a minimum 6-12 month commitment. Without *reliable* volunteers, the needs in our community would not be met.

Do you have time in your life now for this kind of commitment?

2. Many of our volunteer positions require that you take classes or receive training before you can begin volunteering. Some of these classes are only offered once per month and usually take place on a Saturday or on weekday evenings.

Is your schedule flexible enough to accommodate our training process?

3. We are looking for volunteers who possess certain skills/characteristics. Having these skills/characteristics will make for a more successful volunteer experience.

Do you consider yourself...

- *A team player?*
- *A good communicator (verbal, written, electronic)?*
- *Able to handle stressful situations?*
- *Able to take initiative?*
- *Able to follow through and complete a project?*

4. Volunteering with our organization means that you may be working with people of different ages, socioeconomic, cultural, racial, ethnic, religious, and educational backgrounds.

Are you comfortable with people who are different from yourself?

5. The American Red Cross is guided by its Congressional charter and our Seven Fundamental Principles. One of these is neutrality.

Are you able to keep your personal, religious, & political beliefs separate from your role as a volunteer?

Thank you!

If you answered yes to these five questions, we encourage you to attend our New Employee and Volunteer Orientation to learn more about our organization. You can see our full schedule of orientations at www.pparc.org under *Give Time* and *Become a Volunteer*.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this self-assessment, and we hope to see you at orientation soon!