



Dear Reading Champions Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Greenwich United Way Reading Champions Program. Currently, our tutors work in ten elementary schools and four after-school programs. The program follows a specific curriculum that has been designed by the Literacy Specialists in the Greenwich Public Schools. The purpose of our program is to build a student's fluency skills. Our volunteer tutors are trained to participate in one of three different programs which are:

**Fluency Coaching – Grades 1-5:** In this program the Reading Champion Volunteer Tutor works with children in individual coaching sessions that last 20-30 minutes per child by following a lesson plan that includes reading selected passages with the child and reviewing difficult word/phrases, and timing the student as he/she reads. Tutor and student also discuss the meaning of the passage. Passages and timers are provided at each location. The Volunteer tutor also works with the student to master Fry words which are the 600 most frequently used words by grade levels that the student must know and read automatically.

**Kindergarten Tutor** – in this program the Reading Champions Tutor works in the kindergarten classroom during literacy and/or word study periods. The tutor will assist students either in small groups or individually as directed by the classroom teacher. **Kindergarten sessions are not offered at every school.**

**After-School Program** – This homework completion program meets between the hours of 3-4:15. The Reading Champions Volunteer Tutor is assigned to three students and works individually on homework completion with each child for approximately 20 minutes OR the tutor is not assigned to specific students and helps the students who request the tutor's help.

We hope you find this program of interest to you and urge you to complete the volunteer application as soon as possible to participate in the Greenwich United Way's flagship program.

Return the application to:  
Greenwich United Way Reading Champions  
1 Lafayette Court  
Greenwich, CT 06830

For additional information, please phone 203-869-2221.

**Marie Valle Wardell**

Program Coordinator, Reading Champions | GREENWICH UNITED WAY

# VOLUNTEER APPLICATION



Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Greenwich United Way Reading Champions. As a volunteer with Reading Champions the volunteer commitment is from mid-October until the last week in May. If you think you will miss more than three consecutive weeks due to travel/vacation, please reconsider your application as inconsistency is not in the best interest of the student's schedule. Team tutoring, which allows shared time with a tutor partner, is an option. We can help find you a partner or, if you have a friend to share your shift, please indicate this on your application. Volunteer placement will be contingent upon satisfactory background and reference checks.

Volunteering with Greenwich United Way is at will. This means that volunteers have the right to terminate their relationship with or without cause at any time, and Greenwich United Way has the right to terminate the volunteer relationship with or without cause at any time. **Kindly mail application to: Marie Wardell, Greenwich United Way Reading Champions, 1 Lafayette Court, Greenwich CT 06830. You may also email the completed form to [mwardell@greenwichunitedway.org](mailto:mwardell@greenwichunitedway.org)**

**\*Personal Information:**

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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE
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ADDRESS

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CITY, STATE, ZIP

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HOME PHONE	CELL PHONE	EMAIL
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DATE OF BIRTH (Required for background check)

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ARE YOU NOW OR EVER BEEN A READING CHAMPION TUTOR?				DO YOU HAVE A SITE PREFERENCE? Circle below	
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SCHOOLS:	Cos Cob	Glenville	Hamilton Ave	ISD	Julian Curtiss
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New Lebanon	N. Mianus	North St	Old Greenwich	Riverside
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AFTER SCHOOL:	BANC	Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich	CCI @ Julian Curtiss	YWCA
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PROVIDE YOUR AVAILABILITY: DAY(S) AND TIME(S)	ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TEAM TUTORING?
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HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THIS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY?	WOULD YOU CONSIDER BEING ON A SUBSTITUTE LIST?
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**\*References other than relatives:**

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NAME	PHONE	RELATIONSHIP	YEARS KNOWN
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Special skills, qualifications and/or work experience which you think will qualify you to be a Greenwich United Way Reading Champions volunteer.


I certify that all the statements herein are true and understand that any falsification or willful omission shall be sufficient cause for dismissal or refusal of assignment.

Your signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*I understand that the Greenwich United Way, on behalf of the Greenwich Public Schools will thoroughly investigate my personal information and verify all data given on this application, on related papers, and in interviews. I authorize all individuals, schools and firms named therein, except my current employer if so noted, to provide any information requested about me, and I release them from all liability for damage in providing this information.**

Your signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>FOR GREENWICH UNITED WAY OFFICE USE ONLY:</b>	
Background check completed on:	
Availability: Day and Time	Site(s) location(s) assignment:

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