

# Volunteer FAQ



## **How do I start volunteering with FareStart?**

Attend our 30 minute info session at 700 Virginia, offered every Tuesday at 4pm. Register [using this form](#) or giving us an [email](#). Unable to attend but still want to volunteer? [Let us know](#).

## **What is the age requirement for volunteering?**

Volunteers must be 18 years or older except with gleaning opportunities.

## **Do you require special skills to volunteer?**

For Kitchen roles, no skills or cooking experience necessary! Skill-based volunteer opportunities will note any requirements.

## **Where do I go for my volunteer shift?**

Shift locations are always noted in shift details on the Shiftboard calendar and confirmation email. If you are volunteering at 700 Virginia St. Seattle, please come to Farestart's administrative entrance on Virginia Street and ring the reception bell. Guest Chef Night volunteers, please enter at the restaurant entrance.

## **How can I make the most impact volunteering?**

Shelter Runs are our greatest need as we deliver meals to local area shelters 365 days a year.

## **What do I wear to my volunteer shift?**

Safety is our greatest concern. Shift descriptions and confirmation emails will always provide details on dress code. Volunteer roles in the kitchen require closed-toe, non-slip shoes, and full-length pants. We advise volunteers to wear clothing which might get dirty, we provide aprons. Long hair must be tied back and volunteers must wear a hat or hairnet (hairnets provided).

## **Can I bring a group to volunteer?**

We have group volunteer opportunities listed on our website. If you are interested in schedule a group send us an email.

## **Can I volunteer for court ordered community service hours?**

We are unable to accept volunteers fulfilling court ordered community service hours.

## **What is your cancellation policy?**

We rely heavily on volunteer help to deliver vital meals to those most in need in our community. Failing to show up for your assigned shift has a significant negative impact on our business and services to feed those most in need. If you are not able to make it for your shift, please follow the cancellation procedures:

1. **With advanced notice:** Please unconfirm your shift via Shiftboard or post your shift for a trade (option available 2 days in advance).
2. **Day of/weekend:** Please post your shift to the trade board. Call the Kitchen phone number, 206.267.6228. Ask to speak to the Shelter Run/Kitchen Prep Chef or leave a message.

## **Where should I park?**

Street parking is available, but in 2 hour increments. For street parking, we recommend parking north of Lenora or east of 8th Ave to get a lower rate. For longer stays we suggest a paid lot or public transportation.

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