



GIG: Giving Is Good Summer Volunteer Program

Application (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)



To be considered for one of the 50 volunteer positions available, you must submit your application **by May 1**.

New GIG applications must include ALL application items below. Returning GIG volunteers only need to complete the application form. *Incomplete applications or applications received after May 1 may not be considered.*

- 1. Application:** Complete all fields on this form.
- 2. Essay:** Submit an essay (typed or legibly handwritten) explaining what you hope to learn or what other benefit you hope to receive from your experience being a GIG volunteer.
- 3. Two Letters of Recommendation:** Include letters of recommendation from 2 non-family members.

Mail or deliver your completed packet to:

*Ms. Lee Thrash
United Ability
100 Oslo Circle
Birmingham, AL 35211*

OR Scan and e-mail your packet to:
lthrash@unitedability.org

Preferred First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Student Cell Phone: _____
(if student does not have personal cell, please leave blank)

Student Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Email(s): _____

Emergency Contacts:

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

T-Shirt Size (Please circle): YS YM YL S M L XL 2XL 3XL

Age: _____ Grade Entering: _____

How did you hear about GIG? _____

If you have been a GIG before, please list years: _____

If you attended Hand In Hand, please list years: _____

Please detail any allergies, accessibility needs, or other health issues staff should know.

Special Requests or Other Notes: _____

Helpful Skills/Experience (ex., babysitting, working with individuals with special needs):

Hobbies/Interests (ex., sports, crafting): _____

I am interested in being a GIG Volunteer because... (check all that apply)

- I have an interest in a career in early education.
- I have an interest in speech/physical/occupational therapy.
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- I enjoy working with children/adults.
- I need service hours for school/organization.
- my parents asked me to volunteer during summer.
- I have friends who are planning to volunteer.
- Other (explain) _____

If possible, would you like to shadow a speech, occupational, or physical therapist for a day?

- Yes No

I would prefer to work with (check all that apply):

****We cannot guarantee placement in preferred areas, but we will do our best to honor requests.**

- Adults Children - 1 year olds Children - 2-3 year olds Children - 4-5 year olds

School Information

Will GIG hours be used to fulfill any requirements at school? Yes No

What is the minimum number of hours you need to serve? _____

Please describe what documentation you will need from United Ability: _____

At the end of this year’s program, a letter will be sent to the GIG and to a school contact with notification of total hours served. Please provide contact information for the school or other contact you would like this information sent to.

Contact Name at School: _____

Name of School: _____

School Street Address: _____

School City, State, Zip: _____

New GIG Applicants: Make sure you include your essay and reference letters.

References

Please list the names of the individuals who have written your Reference Letters and their relationship to you *(be sure the letters are included in your packet when submitted)*:

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicants will be notified whether or not they have been accepted by May 17. GIGs accepted for the program must attend an orientation session prior to program service and pay a \$20 participation fee.

If you have any questions, contact Lee Thrash – lthrash@unitedability.org or (205)944-2909.