

# **SANTA FE INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL**

## **Volunteer FAQ**

### **What does a volunteer actually do?**

Volunteers make our Festival possible through their assistance in a wide variety of responsibilities. Specific positions include usher, venue host, banner set up and take-down, headquarters volunteer, box office/merchandise, party host, and driver.

### **Can I sign up for more than one team or position?**

Yes, but we encourage our volunteers to focus their efforts on one specific team/position, as it helps build expertise and familiarize you with your team.

### **Are volunteers still needed for this year's Festival?**

Yes! We are always in need of volunteers for the Festival. We never put a cap on the number of volunteers needed for our ever expanding Festival, and we are always looking for more.

### **What does it take to become a volunteer?**

Becoming a volunteer for the Festival is actually quite simple. All you need to do is go to <https://timecounts.org/siff/opportunities> to register a free account on Timecounts, attend at least one mandatory volunteer meeting, and then sign up for shifts. Piece of cake.

### **How will I know when and where the volunteer meetings are being held?**

If you have signed up for Timecounts, you will receive an email with all the information you need to attend. Typically, meetings are held at 418 Montezuma Avenue, Suite 22, Santa Fe, NM, upstairs next to the Jean Cocteau Cinema.

### **What's the purpose of the volunteer meetings?**

These meetings serve as a general introduction to our staff and other volunteers for the Festival. Any questions you may have at that point will be answered, and we will go over the volunteer manual. Fear not, the meetings typically only run for approximately 45 minutes, and you can expect refreshments to be served.

### **I'm a returning volunteer. Am I still required to attend a volunteer meeting?**

Yes, these meetings are important for all volunteers as they are not only about the Festival in general, but this year's specific Festival as well. Each year we provide a unique festival experience, so topics such as where events are being held, which

venues are being used, and what we will need in the current year as opposed to previous years will need to be addressed to everyone involved.

**What are the benefits of becoming a volunteer?**

By becoming a part of the Santa Fe Independent Film Festival, you will get the opportunity to meet filmmakers from all around the world, attend screenings while off duty, gain valuable experience, earn community service hours, and have a great time all while supporting one of Santa Fe's most celebrated annual events.

**What is the minimum amount of hours required for a volunteer?**

Volunteers are required to sign up for at least 3 shifts or a total of 12+ hours during the Festival. Once you've committed to 3 shifts, your volunteer badge will get you into any screening that is not sold-out.

**Does my Volunteer Badge get me into sold-out screenings?**

No.

**Does my Volunteer Badge get me into any of the special guest presentations or networking parties?**

Only the closing night party.

**Does SFIFF need volunteers year-round?**

Absolutely! While the majority of our volunteer opportunities occur during the festival, we have other positions available throughout the year.

**Where do I pick up my volunteer badge?**

During the week of the festival, your volunteer badge will be available at festival headquarters next door to the Center for Contemporary Arts (CCA):

Muñoz Waxman Gallery

1050 Old Pecos Trail

Santa Fe, NM 87505

Please pick up your Volunteer Badge before your first shift.

**Is there a volunteer dress code?**

We kindly ask our volunteers to dress nicely in black. Slacks, pants, or a skirt, as well as a shirt, blouse, sweater, or collared polo are acceptable options. Volunteers must also wear their Volunteer Badge at all times throughout their shifts.