

Become a Creative Arts Volunteer

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are an important part of Creative Arts at The Big E! We are always in need of volunteers before, during and after the fair. We have volunteer opportunities appropriate for people of all ability levels. As a volunteer, you may earn one day tickets to The Big E fair, be invited to our annual volunteer trip, and potluck dinner. Please join us to meet new people and learn something new.

DURING THE FAIR

The Creative Arts Ambassador

September 14-30. 4 hour shifts between 8:00 am and 10:00 pm

The volunteer Ambassadors are the friendly faces everyone sees when they enter the New England Center. Ambassadors greet fair visitors, answer questions about our wonderful exhibits and general fair questions. Ambassadors monitor exhibits during the Fair and make sure that no one touches the displays. Ambassadors volunteer for 4 hour shifts and receive a free entry ticket and free parking to the Fair for that day! We also offer a free meal at the Moses dormitory, snacks and beverages while you are volunteering and entry into a weekly raffle for prizes.

PRE AND POST FAIR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers who donate 6 or more hours of time before the Fair begins and after the Fair closes receive a one day tickets to The Big E for every 8 hours of volunteering. They also are entered into a raffle for prizes.

Office Assistants

August & October Assist with filing, sorting and organizing before and after the fair.

Pre & Post Fair Organizers

August—October 1

Assist with clean up and take down of displays. Sort paperwork.

Creative Arts Set up Assistant

August 29-30 (photography) and September 5-12 (all other departments)

Our Set-Up Assistants handle all the entries received for the Creative Arts after judging. They assist with the set up and placement of the over 1,000 entries for display.

Judge's Scribes and Presenters

August 30 (Photography) September 4, 5 (all other departments)

Judging day is a busy day for the Creative Arts department. We have several divisions to be judged and each judge needs a scribe and often a presenter who lays out the items to be judged. The scribe writes all the placings and judge's comments as each items is judged. They also review judging sheets for completeness. Presenters keep judges moving by keeping entries organized during the judging process and present judges with the next item to be judged. These two positions are often switched between individuals during the day, one person will act as the scribe for a couple hours and then switch with the presenter.

Receiving and Post Fair Pick Up Assistants

August 29 (photograph) September 3 (all other departments) and September 29-October 1 (all departments)

Assist exhibitors when they drop off their entries for judging and picking up their entries after the Fair. Assistants check each entry as received for overall condition and check that the entry is properly entered and tagged. After the Fair, assistants help exhibitors locate their entries, pick up their paperwork and check out.

If you have any questions, please contact Creative Arts at Creativearts@TheBigE.com or call 413-205-5015.

Please consider becoming a Creative Arts Volunteer and help make Creative Arts the Best!

The Big E Creative Arts Volunteer

Volunteers are an important part of The Big E Creative Arts. If you have a skill to share or a passion for helping and being involved, we may have the perfect role for you. We are always in search of volunteers and welcome you to fill out the form below.

First Name		Last Name		Email	
Street Address			City	State	Zip
Phone Number		Cell phone		Physical Limitations that my restrict your activities	
Emergency Contact Name				Relation	
Street Address			City	State	Zip
Phone Number		Cell phone			

Skills/Interests

Art		Cleaning		Clerical (copy, sort, etc.)		Demonstrating/Teaching	
Organization		Photography		Designing Displays		Constructing Props/displays	
Other (please describe)							

Please check Volunteer Opportunities you are interested in:

- The Creative Arts Ambassador**

September 13-29 Dates available:

<i>Shifts (4 hours)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>8-12</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>10-2</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>11-3</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>2-6</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>3-7</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>6-10</i>

- Pre & Post Fair Organizers** *August (various dates) and September 29 & October 1*

Dates & Times Available _____

- Creative Arts Set up Assistant** *August 29-30(Photography) and September 5-12 (all other departments)*

Dates & Times Available _____

- Judge's Scribes and Presenters** *August 30 (Art/Photography) September 4, 5 (all other departments)*

Dates Available _____

- Receiving and Post Fair Pick Up Assistants** *August 29, September 3, and September 30-October 1*

Dates & Times Available _____

- Office Assistant** *August & October*

Dates & Times Available _____

T-Shirt Size (circle one): **SMALL** **MEDIUM** **LARGE** **X-LARGE** **2X LARGE**

____ Please mail my car and entry pass. ____ I will pick up my passes (please call ahead, this office is staffed part time). Anyone volunteering 5 (five) or more days during the Fair will be provided a photo ID badge and must make arrangements to pick up in the office and have their photo taken (after Labor Day).

Are you interested in volunteering at other events at the Eastern States Exposition?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Wine Competition June 8 | <input type="checkbox"/> Road Race August 30 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cheese competition August 16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Fiber Festival November 2 & 3 |

Please return by August 20 to Creativearts@TheBigE.com or mail to: Eastern States Exposition, Creative Arts, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield, MA 01089