



DC College Application Week: Volunteer Training



November 2-6, 2015

American College Application Campaign

- Designed to increase the number of students who apply to college
- Started in 2005 at one high school in North Carolina
- Grows each year to include more states, high schools, and students



DC College Application Week



- Started in **2012** at **7** high schools. The DC College application week initiative grew to **39** host sites in **2015**
- DC College Application Week aims to increase the number of first-generation, low income students and those who may not otherwise consider applying to college
- Although DC College Application Week has a designated week in the month of November, each participating high school typically hosts their event for only 1-3 days

DC College Application Week in Action

- Event takes place during the school day or regular working hours and is usually held in a computer lab
- Students should be prepared on day of event to complete and submit at least one college application
- 45-60 minutes per college application

Creating a College-Going Culture

- Volunteers can contribute to the “spirit” of the College Application event!

- Participating high schools and community-based organizations create a college-going culture prior to and during the event.

Creating an Atmosphere.....



Who Volunteers?

- College admissions representatives
- College access partners
- Financial aid officers
- Retired educators
- Local non-profit, business, and political leaders
- Parents
- Local college students



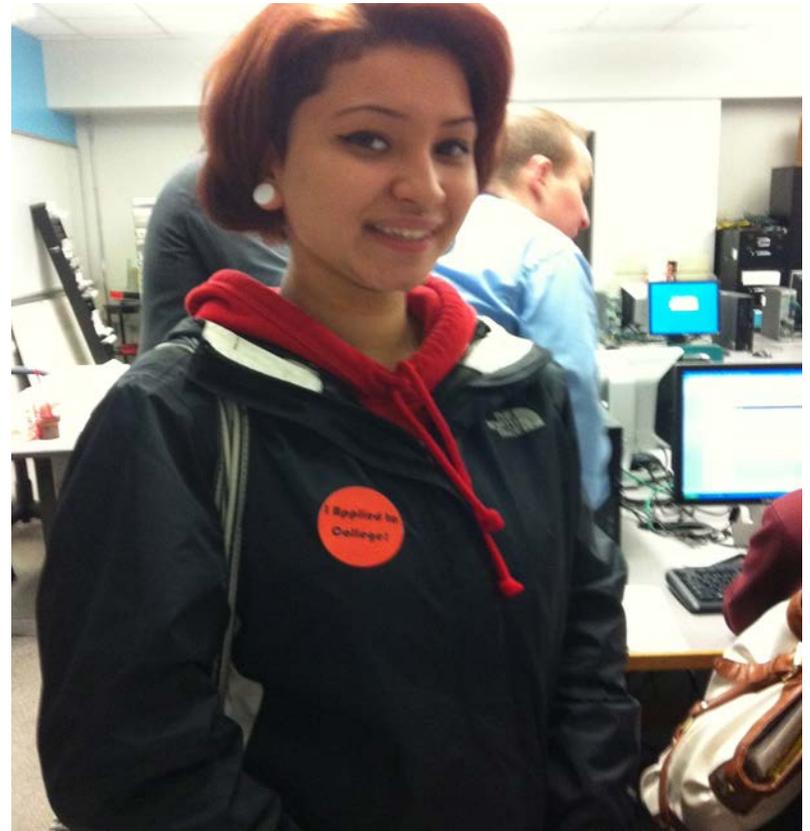
What do Volunteers do?

- Greet students
- Answer questions
- Manage sign-in or sign-out sheets
- Monitor printers
- Hand out materials
- Share your college experiences
- Congratulate students on their accomplishment!



How to Become a Volunteer

- Review DC College Application Week host sites here:
www.osse.dc.gov/node/894282
- Register to become a volunteer:
www.bit.ly/1JX6aKX
- Logistics
 - Where to report
 - Time and date to report
 - Metro, parking, etc.



Volunteer Tips and Recommendations



- Arrive 10-15 minutes early
- Leave college preferences at the door
- Look for non-verbal cues from students
- If you don't know how to answer a student's question, help find an adult in the room who can
- Have fun!

Questions?

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