



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is a Certified Volunteer?

An Araminta volunteer that completes [Awaken 1 & 2 training](#) along with Next Step requirements. Most volunteer opportunities are available to Certified Volunteers.

2. What are the Next Step requirements?

- ✓ Submit a signed [Volunteer Waiver & Agreements](#)
- ✓ Submit a signed [Volunteer MOU & Acknowledgement](#)
- ✓ Submit a [Background Check Clearance](#)
- ✓ Submit a completed [Volunteer Interest Form \(VIF\)](#)
- ✓ Complete a one-on-one phone interview with the Volunteer Coordinator

Note: send all paperwork to the Volunteer Coordinator at volunteers@aramintausa.org

3. How do I become a Certified Volunteer?

- ✓ Attend [Awaken 1 & 2 training](#)
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- ✓ Submit a signed [Volunteer MOU & Acknowledgement](#)
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4. Why does Araminta require background checks?

Volunteers will be working with a vulnerable population. To protect the safety of program participants, a national and state criminal history report, sex offender registry report, and child abuse registry report is required. Please click [background check FAQ's](#) for more info.

5. How long is a 1:1 phone interview with the Volunteer Coordinator?

15-30 minutes

6. How do I volunteer directly with a survivor as a mentor, an advocate, or a mentor advisor?

- ✓ Become a Certified Volunteer
- ✓ Attend Awaken 3 training (Trauma Sensitivity & Survivor Services Volunteer Roles)
- ✓ Complete the Survivor Services Volunteer Application process.

Note: volunteers will receive access to Awaken 3 upon request.

7. Am I required to attend all Awaken training classes to volunteer?

No. At times Araminta hosts one-time events in the community that do not have training requirements. Also, you can facilitate a volunteer led mindfulness, cooking, make-up tutorial, baking, sewing class or start a fundraiser--skies the limit! You may be required to sign a Volunteer Waiver and Agreement and/or submit a Background Check request.



8. Can I volunteer for one-time events only?

Yes. One-time events may be led by Araminta in the community or individuals like you. You can facilitate a volunteer led mindfulness, cooking, make-up tutorial, baking, sewing class or start a fundraiser--skies the limit! You may be required to sign a Volunteer Waiver and Agreement and/or submit a Background Check request. Contact the Volunteer Coordinator at volunteers@aramintausa.org to brainstorm ideas on facilitating a volunteer led event. All ideas are welcome!

9. Will I receive a certification from Araminta as a Certified Volunteer?

Yes. As of August 2023, Certified Volunteers receive an Araminta certification.

10. Are there volunteer opportunities that I can fulfill from home?

Absolutely! In the volunteer management field, we call this micro-volunteerism. You can write thank notes for our donors, design cards with words of affirmation for survivors, research facts & stats about sex-trafficking and much more. We only ask that you document your hours. This helps us when applying for grants. Contact the Volunteer Coordinator at volunteers@aramintausa.org for a volunteer sign-in sheet to track hours.