



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](#)
- ✓ Complete [fingerprinting process](#)
- ✓ 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](#)
- ✓ Submit a signed [Volunteer Waiver & Agreements](#)
- ✓ Submit a signed [Volunteer MOU & Acknowledgement](#)
- ✓ Submit a [Background Check Clearance](#)
- ✓ Complete [fingerprinting process](#)
- ✓ 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

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 & fingerprinting FAQ's](#) for more info.

5. Why does Araminta require fingerprinting?

Fingerprinting is a standard procedure in Maryland for volunteers who may come into contact with children or youth. By completing this process, you will be helping us uphold the highest standards of protection for the youth in our community. Please click [background check & fingerprinting FAQ's](#) for more info.

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

15-30 minutes

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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!

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

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

11. 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.