

Washington National Opera Studio Volunteer Program

Volunteer Information & FAQs

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Washington National Opera! Volunteers play an important role in supporting our artists, staff, and guests while helping us maintain a welcoming, organized, and efficient environment.

We are grateful for the time, skills, and enthusiasm our volunteers bring to the Studio, and we look forward to learning more about your interests.

How to Get Started

To be considered for a volunteer position, please follow the steps below:

- **Step 1: Complete the Volunteer Interest Form**
 - Fill out the Volunteer Interest Form and indicate which volunteer opportunities interest you.
- **Step 2: Interview Invitation**
 - If your experience and availability align with our current volunteer needs, a member of our staff will contact you to schedule a brief in-person interview at the WNO Studio.
- **Step 3: Interview & Tour**
- During your visit, you'll have the opportunity to:
 - Receive a brief tour of the facility
 - Learn more about Washington National Opera Studio
 - Discuss your interests and availability
 - Ask questions about volunteer responsibilities

Step 4: Volunteer Placement

If selected, you will receive information regarding:

- Your volunteer assignment
- Training requirements
- Scheduling procedures
- Building access and studio policies

Please note that volunteer positions are limited and may not always be available. If we do not have an immediate opening that matches your interests and availability, we may keep your information on file and contact you when future opportunities become available.

What We Look for in Volunteers

Successful volunteers are:

- Reliable and punctual
 - Friendly and welcoming to visitors and artists
 - Professional in their conduct and communication
 - Comfortable working independently and as part of a team
 - Respectful of confidential information and rehearsal processes
 - Willing to learn and assist where needed
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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What volunteer opportunities are available?

Volunteer opportunities may include:

- Front Desk Volunteer
- Costume Shoe Stock Volunteer
- Costume General Stock Volunteer
- Audition & Special Events Volunteer
- Costume Studio Tour Guide
- Other special projects as needed

Availability and needs vary throughout the year.

What is the time commitment?

Volunteer schedules vary by position. Some opportunities involve recurring weekly shifts, while others support specific events or projects. Time commitments will be discussed during the interview process.

Do I need previous experience?

Not necessarily. Many volunteer positions require reliability, professionalism, and a willingness to learn. Some specialized opportunities may benefit from prior experience, but training will be provided when needed.

Where is the WNO Studio located?

Volunteer activities take place at the Washington National Opera Studio in the Takoma neighborhood of Washington, DC. Selected volunteers will receive detailed information regarding parking, public transportation, and building access prior to their first assignment.

Will I receive training?

Yes. Volunteers receive position-specific training and guidance before beginning their assignments.

Can I volunteer if I only have occasional availability?

Possibly. Some opportunities are project-based or event-based. Be sure to indicate your availability on the Interest Form so we can determine whether there may be a suitable opportunity.

Do volunteers receive complimentary tickets to performances or events?

Volunteer ticket opportunities may be available throughout the season; however, availability varies by production and is never guaranteed.

Depending on the production, volunteers may be offered opportunities to attend:

- Washington National Opera performances
- Dress rehearsals
- Studio room runs
- Other special events or presentations

Ticket opportunities are offered at the discretion of WNO staff and are based on availability. Volunteers will be notified when opportunities become available.

Is parking available?

Parking and transportation information will be provided to selected volunteers prior to their first assignment.

Will I be contacted if a position is not currently available?

Yes. If we do not have an immediate need that matches your interests and availability, we may retain your information and reach out when future opportunities become available.

Does volunteering guarantee future employment with WNO?

No. Volunteering is a separate program and does not guarantee employment with Washington National Opera. However, volunteering can be a valuable way to learn more about our organization and gain experience in an arts administration environment.

Who can I contact with questions?

Questions regarding the volunteer program may be directed to:

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**Thank you for your interest in supporting Washington National Opera.
We appreciate your willingness to share your time and talents with our community.**