

MNA Disaster Response Volunteer FAQ

REGISTRATION:

Who should register?

- Each individual who desires to serve as a MNA Disaster Response Volunteer must register, even if serving on a team.
- The registration process includes a background screening which CLEARS the individual to serve; it does not COMMIT the individual to serve.

If I had a background screening done at my church do I have to do that again with MNA Disaster Response?

- Yes; due to privacy concerns that information cannot be shared between entities.

MOBILIZATION:

How do I get scheduled to serve?

- After you have registered and completed the background screening, decide where and when you would like to serve. If serving on a team contact your Team Leader; if serving as an individual contact the MNA Disaster Response Facilitator (slanier@pcanet.org) with requested dates to serve. The Facilitator will confirm space availability and place team or individual on Volunteer Staging Site Schedule. (See '[MNA Disaster Response Volunteer Mobilization Process](#)' for more information.)

Is there an age limit to serve?

- Yes. All volunteers must be 15 years of age or older to serve.

Can only men serve?

- NO! Men, women, and teens over age 15 can serve.

Are there physical limitations?

- Expectant mothers, those with heart issues or respiratory conditions or any other medical issues should check with their physician before registering to serve.

COST

What does it cost to serve?

- MNA Disaster Response charges no fees to serve.

Do I get reimbursed for my expenses?

- No. Volunteers are responsible for their own travel and meal expenses.

Do I have to have insurance?

- Yes. If you are not currently insured, short term policies are available at a minimal cost. Simply Google on 'short term mission insurance' to see a wide-variety of options.

MISC

What will I be doing?

-This will vary depending on the site where you serve. Each site has a Site Coordinator who sets the scope of work for all volunteers.

Where will I stay?

-Lodging with separate sleeping quarters for men/women is provided at our Volunteer Staging Sites; all volunteers bring bedding (*no queen-sized air mattresses please*) and are asked to come in a 'self-contained' state, meaning you are responsible for your own meals.

What about meals?

-Volunteers are responsible for their own meals. Each site has a kitchen that can be used for meal prep.

What do I need to bring?

-Each site will have a Site Fact Sheet that will list items suggested to bring; that sheet is emailed once the team or individual is scheduled.

If I fly in to the site is there transportation from the airport?

-All volunteers are responsible for all ground transportation where serving including getting from airport to the site and from the site to the airport.

Do I need immunizations?

-Although not required, it is highly suggested that each volunteer have a tetanus immunization within the past five years.