



Spring 2017

Dear Prospective Breaktastic Volunteer,

Thank you for your interest in applying to volunteer at Breakthrough Sacramento (BSAC) this summer. We appreciate your desire to help the community and offer support to our students, teachers, and overall learning community. Breakthrough is a year-round, tuition-free, college-preparatory program for academically motivated students from under-resourced schools. The program features a six-week summer session for rising seventh, eighth graders, and ninth grade students, who are taught in small classes of about 7 students by talented high school and college students. The summer session is extremely rigorous! The students ride the bus for up to two hours a day (one hour each way), spend eight hours at Breakthrough on the SCDS campus, and complete at least two hours of homework each night. These are powerful students that we get to work with!

Volunteers are an extremely important component of the summer program. By running the breakfast, snacks, and lunch program, volunteers have the opportunity to greet the students, demonstrate organization and professionalism, and help the day run smoothly. Between food sessions, volunteers complete a variety of creative tasks, such as making 100 “medals” for Olympics day, creating decorations for special events, designing posters for the daily Community Meeting, photocopying materials for teachers, preparing program mailings, organizing the staff room, and decorating envelopes. There may also be opportunities to assist teachers with in-classroom projects. Volunteers need to have initiative, creativity, and an independent work ethic, with a desire to help others. Volunteers must also model the values of the program—hard work, high expectations, commitment to excellence, collaboration, joy, teamwork, appreciation for diversity, and flexibility.

Because of the high interest in volunteering, we ask that you commit to working no less than 1 week. Priority is given to those students who wish to volunteer for 5 days or more. We will create a master calendar of volunteers’ commitments, and each volunteer will receive a copy. The schedule will be made in early-June, so please return the application at your earliest convenience; we may or may not be able to schedule each volunteer for all of the time he/she is available. Required food service training sessions will be scheduled in June; the schedule will be announced in early June. **Volunteers may work one of two shifts: from 7:30 am to 1:15 pm or 1:00 to 4:00 pm** Monday through Friday, between June 26th through August 5th. There is also a chance to help us set-up or tear-down the week before and after the summer program, let us know if you are interested in this.

Sincerely,

Faith Galati Amber Busby
Executive Director

Program Manager

Summer 2017 Volunteer Application

Please return by May 30th

Name _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Home Phone Number _____ Mobile Phone Number _____

Work/School E-mail address _____

School & grade in 2016-2017 _____ Returning BSAC volunteer? Yes / No

How did you hear about Breakthrough Sacramento?

Why are you interested in volunteering? (feel free to continue on the back of this sheet)

How will you be a good role model for BSAC students? (feel free to continue on the back of this sheet)

What dates and shifts are you available? (Summer program dates = Monday, June 26 –Friday, August 4, 2015). Please specify morning (7:30 – 1:15) or afternoon (1-4) shift.

Are you interested in helping the program set-up (week of June 19) or tear-down (week of July 31) between 10am and 3pm?

Thank you for your interest. **Your support of BSAC students is appreciated.**
Please return your completed application to the BSAC office in person, email, or mail.
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