

# 2026 VolunTEEN SUMMER PROGRAM

Get ready to do something GREAT.



*“A life isn’t important except in the impact it has on other lives” - Jackie Robinson*

Erlanger invites high school students ages 15 to 18 years old to be “helpers” this summer during the 2026 Erlanger VolunTEEN Program.

If you’d like to spend the summer with us helping and learning, please carefully read this packet with a parent or guardian. All applicants **must** apply in person during one of the scheduled 30-minute interviews. Applications and supporting documents will not be accepted at other times.

## 2026 VolunTEEN Program Highlights

- At-home online orientation the week of June 1<sup>st</sup>
- On-site program dates: **Week of June 8<sup>th</sup> through the week of July 13<sup>th</sup>** (six weeks)
- Choose and commit to either Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Program hours are 10 AM to 3 PM.
- The VolunTEEN Program is a **team concept**. Descriptions of each team may be found in this packet. Teams include:
  - Patient Floor Team
  - Administration & Clinical Support Team
  - Physician Practice Team
  - Patient & Family Support Team
- Participants selected will be assigned a team **and** a department.
- Applicants will turn in all required documents in person during a one-on-one interview session.
- The Selection Committee will choose a limited number of participants. Characteristics the committee will be looking for during the one-on-one interview and in the written essay include:
  - A passion for helping others
  - The desire to be part of a team
  - A positive attitude
  - Dedication and commitment to the six weeks
  - Eagerness to learn and help



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# 2026 VolunTEEN SUMMER PROGRAM PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS



## Requirements

- The VolunTEEN program is for students who are rising-sophomore through rising-college freshman.
- Participants **must** be at least 15 years old by June 1, 2026. Consideration may be made for 14 year olds who are rising-sophomores.
- Participants **must** commit to two days per week for **at least five of the six weeks.**
- Participants **must** commit to 10 AM to 3 PM on Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Participants **must** turn in all required documents during one of the interview sessions listed. Interviews will be one-on-one with a member of the VolunTEEN Selection Committee. Parents are welcome to attend, but it is not required. In-person interviews only.
- Participants **must** be able to start on the first day of the program during the week of June 8<sup>th</sup>, no exceptions.
- Applications will not be accepted by mail, e-mail, fax, or during a day and time not listed in this packet.
- Participants **must** submit all health screenings (childhood immunizations) at the time of the interview and agree to a TB test. Information about the TB test will be given at the interview. Do not have a TB test done in advance.
- Participants selected for this summer’s program **must** complete online orientation before the start of the program. Details will be given upon acceptances to the program.
- The only cost associated with this program is the uniform shirt, which is \$20.
- Because participation is limited, no exceptions will be made.
- Applications will only be accepted in person on the following days and times listed below.

Application Submission and Interview Schedule		
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# 2026 VolunTEEN SUMMER PROGRAM APPLICATION CHECKLIST



## Before Applying, Ask Yourself:

- Can I commit to the six week program? .....  Yes  No
- Am I available to volunteer 10 AM to 3 PM either Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays?.....  Yes  No
- Am I willing to submit required health screenings and complete on-line orientation before the start of the program? .....  Yes  No
- Am I willing to be a part of a team and show a positive attitude every day? .....  Yes  No
- Am I willing to help departments with clerical work, such as filing and phones, helping push patients in wheelchairs or other volunteer duties as assigned? .....  Yes  No
- Am I able to attend one of the scheduled interview sessions and have all of my documentation with me? (See dates, times and location on the Program Requirements Page) .....  Yes  No
- Am I able to start on time the week of June 8<sup>th</sup>? .....  Yes  No

If you answered yes to each of the above questions, please complete each part of the application and gather all required documents.

### PART I: Contact and Background Information

All information **must** be complete and signed by the applicant and his or her parent or guardian. Illegible applications will not be accepted.

### PART II: VolunTEEN Availability and Team Selection

Be sure to read the Commitment Statement, and sign with your parent or guardian.

### PART III: Applicant Essay

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### PART IV: Recommendation Letter

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### PART V: Immunization Records

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**PART VI: Interview Registration**

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**PART VII: Interview and Turn in Required Documents**

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## Contact & Background Information

Please print legibly. Illegible applications will not be considered.

LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME

HOUSE NUMBER AND STREET NAME APARTMENT #

CITY STATE ZIP

MAILING ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE - HOUSE NUMBER AND STREET NAME APARTMENT #

CITY STATE ZIP

CELL PHONE EMAIL

DATE OF BIRTH AGE AS OF JUNE 1, 2026 GRADE IN FALL

SCHOOL SCHOOL CITY & STATE

Have you ever been an Erlanger VolunTEEN? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer and/or work experience and skills: \_\_\_\_\_

Interests and career goals: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN EMAIL CELL PHONE

PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE DATE

APPLICANT SIGNATURE DATE



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## APPLICATION PART II: VolunTEEN Availability & Team Selection

APPLICANT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

### Select Your Service Days

Select the days in June and July that you can commit to below. Number your day preference. Do not select days that you are not available.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mondays & Wednesdays                      \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesdays & Thursdays

If selected, what days can you commit to volunteering 10 AM to 3 PM in June and July? Remember, you **must commit to six weeks**. You must be able to start the program the week of June 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Select Your Location Preference

What hospital are you applying for? Availability will be limited at each hospital.

- Erlanger Baroness Hospital (downtown Chattanooga)
- Children's Hospital at Erlanger (downtown Chattanooga) \*Only select if you will be 18 by June 1, 2026
- Erlanger East Hospital (Gunbarrel Rd., Chattanooga)\*\* Only select if you are a returning VolunTEEN.
- Erlanger Bledsoe Hospital (Pikeville, TN)
- Sequatchie Valley ED (Dunlap, TN)
- Erlanger North Hospital (Morrison Springs Road, Chattanooga)
- Erlanger Western Carolina Hospital (Murphy, NC)

*\*\*Due to limited availability, Erlanger East is only available to former Erlanger 2025 VolunTEENS.*

### Team Selection

Please only apply for a team to which you can commit. If applying for more than one team, please number in order of preference, with 1 being of most interest and 4 being of least interest. If there is a team you would not like to apply for, please do not number that team.

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Patient Floor Team** - Members of this team will be assigned to a Nurses' Station on a Patient Floor. Duties may include passing out ice and water, answering call lights, helping with phones, and clerical duties.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Physician Practice Team** - Members of this team will be assigned to a Physician office. Duties may include greeting patients, answering phones, making appointment reminder calls, and clerical duties.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Patient & Family Support Team** - Members of this team will be assigned to one of the Information Desks. Duties may include pushing patients in wheelchairs, giving directions, assisting families, walking patients and families to appointments, and clerical duties.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Administrative & Clinical Support** - Members of this team will be assigned to a non-clinical or clinical department. Duties may include assisting with projects or events, helping with mail, answering phones, light computer work, and clerical duties.

### Returning Volunteers

If you are a returning VolunTEEN, what department or role were you in: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want to return to the same position: \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to be considered for a different position, which department are you most interested in: \_\_\_\_\_



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## APPLICATION PART II (continued): Commitment Statement

I have thought carefully about my application for the 2026 Erlanger VolunTEEN Program, as well as my other commitments this summer. If I am chosen, I can fully commit to the days I chose for the full six week program. Also, if chosen, I will submit all of the required health screenings on time and will complete on-line orientation on time.

\_\_\_\_\_  
APPLICANT SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

## Required Interview Session

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## APPLICATION PART III: Applicant Essay

Write an original essay on the following topic:

Reread Jackie Robinson's quote on the front page of this application packet. What does this message mean to you? How do you apply this thought to your daily life? How does this thought apply to volunteering at Erlanger?

Essays should be typed or neatly written. There is no minimum or maximum length. However, the essay should clearly display your thoughts to the Selection Committee. The essay is required at the time of the interview.

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The following must be completed by a a school official:

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is up to date on his/her childhood immunization records as required by the State of Tennessee.

Printed Name and Title of School Official: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of School Official: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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