Volunteering with the International Institute of Saint Louis

America is a nation of immigrants. Immigrants of today are escaping persecution, seeking economic opportunity, and desiring education and opportunity for their families. They are valuable employees and colleagues, entrepreneurs, taxpayers, and consumers. For nearly 100 years, the International Institute has helped immigrants and their families be productive Americans and to champion ethnic diversity as a cultural and economic strength. We provide essential connecting services and share American culture and values. Annually, our wide array of adjustment services reach more than 7,500 immigrants from 80 countries. Thousands more attend and participate as performers and volunteers in our annual Festival of Nations.

**Dress:** Volunteers at the International Institute work with individuals who come from a wide variety of backgrounds and cultures. Many of them are newcomers to the U.S and still making cultural adjustments having come from cultures that are more restrictive than ours. Your attire should always be neat and clean. Clothing should not be a distraction from the services you are providing the client(s). No tank tops, tight clothing, or clothing that bares your chest or midriff are permitted.

**Parking:**Volunteers are asked to park in IISTL’s parking lot located off of Louisiana Ave. You may park in any spot except the few that say “Permit Only” as these are for Institute vehicles.

**Arrival:** Arrive at the front reception desk from either the Arsenal Street entrance or marked rear parking lot entrance. Any staff member at the reception desk will be able to contact your staff contact when you arrive.

**Safety:**Please use commonsense. **Do not leave anything valuable in your car**. Take everything with you or lock it in your trunk. Make sure to lock car doors and close windows. If you carry a purse or bag, take it with you wherever you go.

Thank you for taking time out of your day to help at the International Institute. To learn more about our services and upcoming events, please visit our website; [www.iistl.org](http://www.iistl.org).