



ReadingPals Polk County Volunteer Application (2 pages)

The School Board of Polk County requires volunteer applicants to undergo a Florida Department of Law Enforcement criminal background. If you have questions regarding criminal history or approval requirements, please call Kelly Stanton at the Polk County School Board, 863.534.0636.

Instructions:

- There is a \$25 non-refundable fee for the required criminal background screening. (Note: Approved volunteer status is good for 5 years.) You will be asked to make the payment during the online application process, therefore, it is important to carefully consider the 31 weeks ReadingPals commitment before completing the application. *If you believe you are already an approved volunteer, let the ReadingPals Program Manager know prior to completing the online application. The Program Manager will be able to verify your volunteer status.
Note: The ReadingPals Grant Funding does allow for application cost refunds when desired by the applicant. Money not refunded remains in the UWCF ReadingPals program for program use to help ReadingPals students succeed in school. If you would like The United Way of Central Florida to refund the cost of your background screening fee, please check the box near the end of this page.
- The Polk County School Board requires all volunteers to fill out an application online at <https://polkschoolsfl.com/>. Click on "Get Involved", Scroll down to "Complete Volunteer Application". Fully complete and submit the application. *Note: If you need help, contact Sylvia Palmer, ReadingPals Program Manager, 863-648-1500 x278.*
- Please complete this application, which is for UWCF ReadingPals use only.** Return it to the ReadingPals Program Manager via, fax 863-648-1535, mail to P.O. Box 1357, Highland City, FL 33846-1357, or email to sylvia.palmer@uwcf.org
- Pictures for security badges will be taken at your assigned school. Completed badges will be returned to the school for pick-up.
- All information will remain confidential.
- The United Way of Central Florida reserves the right to accept or deny applicants to any volunteer program to which they are affiliated.

Thank you for your commitment to serve as a school volunteer. If you have been convicted of murder, sexual offenses such as sexual battery, lewd or lascivious acts, soliciting lewd acts or indecent exposure, sexual misconduct, prostitution or solicitation of prostitution, obscenity or pornography, contributing to the delinquency/dependency of a child, abuse/neglect, drug related charges, kidnapping or battery to a child, criminal driving offenses, you will not be approved.

*Required Information for all ReadingPals (Please type or print)

*Last Name:	* First Name:	M.I.:
*Date of Birth (including year):	*Ethnicity:	Gender:
*Street:	*City:	*State
*Zip Code	*Email:	
*Home Phone:	*Cell Phone:	

* I am a former or current Polk County Schools volunteer.

*For new applicants only:

I have completed my online application with the Polk County School Board

I would like a refund of \$25 from UWCF ReadingPals Program to cover the cost of background screening.

For more information, go to uwcf.org and click on "Our Work," "Education," "Helping Kids Succeed," "ReadingPals"

Office Use Only:

Refund?: Andar: Trained: Approved: Vol. Status Expire Date : _____

*** Please check the school/s where you would prefer to volunteer (mark 1st choice, 2nd, etc.):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Alta Vista
801 Scenic Hwy
Haines City, FL 33844 | <input type="checkbox"/> Auburndale Central
320 Lemon Street
Auburndale, FL 33823 | <input type="checkbox"/> Blake Academy
510 Hartsell Avenue
Lakeland, FL 33815 | <input type="checkbox"/> Crystal Lake Elementary
700 Galvin Drive
Lakeland, FL 33801 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Highland City Elementary
5355 9 th Street, SE
Highland City, FL 33846 | <input type="checkbox"/> Kingsford
1400 Dean Street
Mulberry, FL 33860 | <input type="checkbox"/> Lake Shipp
250 Camellia Drive
Winter Haven, FL 33880 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lewis A Woodbury
115 South Oak Avenue
Fort Meade, FL 33841 | <input type="checkbox"/> North Lakeland
410 W. Robson Street
Lakeland, FL 33805 | <input type="checkbox"/> Padgett
110 Leelon Road
Lakeland, FL 33805 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Polk Avenue
110 East Polk Avenue
Lake Wales, FL 33853 | <input type="checkbox"/> Purcell Elementary
305 First Avenue, NE
Mulberry, FL 33860 | <input type="checkbox"/> James E. Stephens
1350 N. Maple Avenue
Bartow, FL 33830 | |

*** Please check the day/s you would like to volunteer (mark 1st choice, 2nd, etc.):**

(Note: Schools may chose their four ReadingPals days to be either Mon-Thurs or Tues-Fri)

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Important Note: Our first partner in the creation of ReadingPals has been The Children’s Movement, a statewide effort to make Florida the best state in the nation for young children. Through your volunteer opportunities, we hope you begin to understand the need to build a real “movement” for all children in our state. In the pursuit of just that, we hope you will agree to receive updates directly from The Movement on our ReadingPals efforts around the state, as well as what is happening in the area of early education.

Yes, I would like to learn more about how I can help Florida’s children. Please share my email address with The Children’s Movement of Florida.

*Signature: _____ Date: _____

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