

Volunteer Age Policy

Eligibility for Individual Volunteering

Individuals 16 years of age and older are welcome to apply for and participate in individual volunteer opportunities. Eligible volunteers may sign up and serve independently after completing all required application steps, orientation and tour of Mission Lexington.

Opportunities for Volunteers Under Age 16

We value the enthusiasm and interest of younger individuals who wish to support our mission. However, due to safety considerations, supervision requirements, and organizational capacity, individuals under 16 years of age are not eligible for regular individual on-site volunteer roles.

Youth under 16 who are interested in volunteering or parents/guardians seeking opportunities for a minor are encouraged to contact our Director of Volunteer and Community Programs at april@missionlexingtonsc.org. Opportunities include but are not limited to:

- Special projects
- Off-site activities such as repackaging pet food, cards for our Mobile Food Pantry, etc.
- Project Pet: Be Paw-Some
- A Fresh Start: Personal Care Drive

Availability of these opportunities will depend on organizational needs and resources.

Group Service Day Opportunities

Volunteering is even better together! We warmly encourage groups such as school clubs, youth organizations, scout troops, or faith-based or community groups to participate in organized service days. Group opportunities allow volunteers of various ages to contribute meaningfully while staying under appropriate supervision and ensure a safe and impactful experience.

These days may include on-site projects, community outreach, preparation work, or special events that support our mission. Our team will collaborate with group leaders to identify suitable activities that align with our mission.

To inquire about or schedule a group service day, please contact April Holt at april@missionlexingtonsc.org.

All volunteers, regardless of age, must comply with the organization's code of conduct, safety guidelines, and volunteer policies.