

**Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
-New Americans Initiative-
Volunteer Description**

Title: Legal Screening Volunteer

About the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights and the New Americans Initiative: The Illinois Coalition for Immigrant & Refugee Rights (ICIRR) is a coalition of more than 130 organizations and agencies that works through its membership to organize, train leaders, and build power with immigrants and refugees.

The New Americans Initiative (NAI) is a **coordinated Citizenship Education/ Mobilization Campaign**. The NAI distributes grants to community-based organizations that help immigrants naturalize through outreach, citizenship preparation classes, and legal services. The NAI is intended to establish a trusting relationship between community-based organizations and legal permanent residents to successfully pursue citizenship and become engaged in civic life in the state of Illinois.

Description of Volunteer Position: Legal Screenings Volunteers (legal volunteers, legal station volunteers etc.) will assess client eligibility to apply for citizenship and consult with the client to provide information specific to their case. Legal Volunteers are vital in workshops due to the valuable legal advice provided to participants going through the citizenship workshop process.

Qualifications-

- Licensed Attorney (Immigration or non-immigration); BIA Accredited Representative; 3L Law Student.
- Bilingual (Preferred not required)
- Follows Directions Well
- Passionate About Helping the Community

Because of the independent legal thinking involved in this role and its case-specific nature, ICIRR requires all non-immigration attorneys and 3L students to attend a legal training. Training will be in person or via video. At the in-person training you can ask any questions and receive clarification on any confusing points.

Requirements- Citizenship workshops happen on Saturday

- First time volunteers: Attend a training prior to the workshop. Trainings are given in person or by video.
- Be able to volunteer on a given Saturday for about 4 hours (9am-1pm)

To apply for this volunteer opportunity please fill out the following form: <http://bit.do/nai-icirr>

If you have any questions please contact Dagmara Avelar at davelar@icirr.org with the subject line "Legal Volunteer Inquiry"