

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

**Title: N-400 Application Preparer 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:** N-400 volunteers assist applicants at the workshop to complete their citizenship application, this is the document that goes to immigration and will ultimately determine whether a participant becomes a U.S. citizen. A 20-page application can seem intimidating to individuals seeking citizenship and this is where you come in! Volunteers are trained on the basics of citizenship, the filing process, and how to complete the applications.

**Qualifications:**

- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Bilingual (Preferred not required)
- Follows Directions Well
- Passionate About Helping the Community

**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](mailto:davelar@icirr.org) with the subject line "N-400 Volunteer Inquiry"