

# Frequently Asked Questions: Virtual Volunteers

## What is Your Advance?

Your Advance is a student-led non-profit in Manatee and Sarasota County, uplifting the community through revolutionary programs and initiatives to boost student engagement, promote dynamic outcomes, and support endless opportunities for all K-12 students. Since our founding in 2020, we've served over 40 families in need with no-cost tutoring and mentoring service from our area's high-achieving group of high school scholars.

## What is the Student Companion Project?

As part of the Student Companion Project, you will be a volunteer mentor paired with local elementary or middle student. You will provide academic and peer support virtually. All of our volunteers provide this service at no-cost for community service hours.

For the spring semester, you will be participating from January to May. For the fall semester, you will be participation from August to December.

## How many community service hours will I receive?

Each week of the Student Companion Project, you are required to meet with your student each week over video call. Generally, sessions are at least one hour per student throughout the semester. If you tutor/mentor more students than the required one student, you may do so for more service hours. Please inform the interviewer during your scheduled interview.

## What is the application process?

After successfully submitting your online application on [www.youradvance.org/volunteer](http://www.youradvance.org/volunteer), you will follow these steps:

All applicants will be contacted for a scheduled interview over video call. This includes asking the volunteer, before working with us, questions about their coursework and commitment to the community. Our program is very selective in choosing volunteers. We are committed to maintaining a reputation of excellence.

