

Joining The ExcelleShare Program/Next Steps

- Schedule and participate in an interview with a member of the ExcelleShare staff to learn more about the specifics of the project.
- You'll join a self-directed team consistent with your skills and life experiences. Presently, Marketing/Communications, Program Operations, and Evaluation teams have been created. Outreach, Program Support, and Information Technology teams are planned, and others will be created based on projects to be undertaken.
- You will work with your team on projects selected to assist the missions of non-profit agencies partnering with ExcelleShare.



ExcelleShare

ExcelleShare is a Program of the Center for Excellence in Aging Services (CEAS/ University at Albany) and the National Council On Aging.

ExcelleShare's Mission is to recruit, train, mentor and sustain leadership volunteers aged 55+. These leadership volunteers will be matched and placed with non-profit and government agencies and will contribute to the overall capacity building of the host organization through community collaborations, effective community outreach, needs assessments, and assistance from UAlbany teaching resources.

ExcelleShare's Vision is to make CEAS the home for a *one stop* Volunteer Resource and Support Center for leadership volunteer opportunities and capacity building. It will provide assistance to non-profit and government agencies in New York's Capital Region, providing personal development, continued civic engagement, and innovative, up-to-date volunteer management models and techniques.

Join ExcelleShare Today!

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Sharing Excellence in Volunteer Services

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Volunteers*



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Life Is A Journey

Life is a journey of learning, caring, and achieving, at every age and in every life circumstance. Non-profit agencies in this area can use the skills, knowledge and connections you have accumulated throughout your lifetime.

ExcelleShare provides an opportunity for you to give back to your community by participating in an innovative program with like-minded peers, supported by the resources of a major university. We need your help to achieve our mission of providing sustained program resources and personnel support for non-profit agencies in our community.

Share your knowledge and your passion!

Become part of an initiative to make a difference in our community.

Develop and exercise your skills to help local non-profits.

Encourage and inspire others to become involved.

What An ExcelleShare Volunteer Does

What would I do as an ExcelleShare volunteer?

As an ExcelleShare volunteer, you would become a member of a team, working on projects in support of non-profit agency operations that might include any of the following:

- Assisting agencies develop new programs and/or new organizational initiatives;
- Assisting with community outreach, organizing and advocacy on behalf of an agency;
- Managing a project to achieve an important service or organizational goal;
- Participating in fundraising and development activities;
- Mentoring non-profit agency staff, using your skills and life experiences, to transfer some of the knowledge you have acquired for the benefit of the agency;
- Assisting agencies with strategic planning and organizational development;
- Assisting organizations in developing and supporting volunteer roles;
- Facilitating discussions between volunteers and organizations seeking their service to ensure a good fit so that volunteers are well placed; and
- Providing a service you can perform that non-profit agencies need but find difficult or impossible to attain within their current resources.

Current Activities

- A Vision Council has been established to guide the overall direction, development, implementation and evaluation of the ExcelleShare Program.
- Volunteer teams have been established to implement ExcelleShare projects, including teams for Marketing and Communications, Program Operations, and Evaluation (with more teams planned as the program progresses).
- Initial efforts focus on using ExcelleShare volunteers to assist the Center for Excellence in Aging Services (CEAS) in expanding and developing opportunities for volunteers to assume leadership and/or capacity-building roles within the Center.
- Periodic conferences will be scheduled to communicate the results of these efforts and to recruit non-profit agencies to use leadership and capacity-building volunteers.

Expectations

- ExcelleShare will provide peer learning and skill development opportunities along with on-going training and support that will enable you to use your interests, skills and talents for innovative projects that will improve our communities.
- Volunteers are expected to commit to active participation in the ExcelleShare project for a specified time period.