

Volunteer Registration Form

If you are interested in becoming a NYC/CUNY Citizenship Corps volunteer, you can join online at www.cuny.edu/citizenshipnow or fill out the following form and fax or mail it to:

CUNY Citizenship and Immigration Project
 Attention: Kymete Gashi
 560 West 181st Street
 New York, NY 10033
 Fax: (212) 568-5378

 Last Name First Name

 Address

 City State Zip Code

 Phone Number Email Address

 Occupation

 Employer/School

 Languages Spoken

Do you have immigration work experience? Yes No
 If you answered "yes" please provide a brief description.

Do you have legal experience? Yes No
 If you answered "yes" please provide a brief description.

Why are you interested in volunteering?

By signing this form, I attest that I do not engage in the unauthorized practice of law, and that I have not violated New York State or New York City laws limiting the provision of legal services by non-attorneys.

 Signature Date

About the CUNY Citizenship and Immigration Project

The mission of the CUNY Citizenship and Immigration Project is to provide free, high quality, and confidential citizenship and immigration law services to help immigrants on their path to U.S. citizenship. To achieve this goal, our immigration attorneys and paralegals offer one-on-one consultations to assess participants' eligibility for legal benefits and advise them on the most viable options available. In addition, we coordinate community, educational, and volunteer initiatives to help us further our mission.

We currently help over 6,000 immigrants at our centers each year, giving them advice and application assistance, and seeing them through to their citizenship swearing in ceremonies. Each year we also help over 1,000 immigrants at Citizenship Now! events and over 15,000 through the call-in. Our goal is to keep increasing these numbers and improving the quality of life of New York City's immigrant and native populations.

CUNY Immigration Centers*

Please call for an appointment

<p>Bronx Hostos Community College Immigration Center Tel: (718) 518-4395</p>	<p>Queens Flushing Immigration Center Tel: (718) 640-9223</p>	<p>Manhattan City College Immigration Center Tel: (212) 650-6620</p> <p>CUNY Express Immigration Center Tel: (212) 568-4692</p>
<p>Brooklyn NYC College of Technology Immigration Center Tel: (718) 260-5597</p>	<p>York College Immigration Center Tel: (718) 262-2983</p>	<p>Staten Island College of Staten Island, El Centro, and Project Hospitality Immigration Center at the Help Center** Tel: (718) 273-6737</p>

*All Services are FREE
 **Part-time centers



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THE NYC/CUNY CITIZENSHIP CORPS

The CUNY Citizenship and Immigration Project and the Mayor's Office for Immigrant Affairs (MOIA) created the NYC/CUNY Citizenship Corps to assist New Yorkers in becoming U.S. citizens. The Project partners with local not-for-profit organizations, schools, libraries and elected officials to provide legal permanent residents with free comprehensive assistance in completing their naturalization applications. Volunteers work with CUNY Citizenship and Immigration Project staff to provide free naturalization application assistance at Citizenship Now! events held throughout the five boroughs of New York City.

The Corps is open to all interested individuals, among them attorneys, paralegals, law students and immigrant service providers. At our Citizenship Now! events, those new to immigration will partner with a more experienced immigration professional.

Register with the Corps and you will get emails inviting you to participate in the Project's activities. Registering does not obligate you to participate. However, we hope that you attend as many events as possible, especially if you are trying to start a career in immigration legal services. We have observed that individuals studying immigration law significantly speed up their learning process when they attend our events on a regular basis.

Citizenship Now! Events

The goal of Citizenship Now! events is to help eligible individuals prepare their forms N-400, Application for Naturalization. Most events are held on Saturdays. During our Citizenship Now! events applicants receive the following services:

- Evaluation of eligibility for naturalization.
- Assistance in completing the N-400 Application for Naturalization form.
- Information on gathering the documents necessary to be included in the application packet.
- Free photographs required for the application.
- Review of complete application packet by an attorney or other legal expert.

These events are an exciting opportunity for volunteers to make a contribution to our society, and to empower New York City's immigrant communities.

Citizenship Now! Call-In

For a week every spring the CUNY Citizenship and Immigration Project teams up with the New York Daily News to host the annual Citizenship Now! Call-In. This event provides easy access to free and confidential immigration information, aiming to answer caller's questions regarding U.S. citizenship and other immigration matters. Callers also receive assistance locating free or low cost immigration services, and English and civics classes. Over 350 volunteers staff the event, most of them trained by the CUNY Citizenship and Immigration Project. Attorneys supervise the phone counselors. As a Corps member you will be invited to take part in this exciting event.



Immigrant Heritage Week Event

Established by Mayor Michael Bloomberg in 2004 as a citywide celebration, Immigrant Heritage Week is celebrated around April 17th in recognition of the day in 1907 when more immigrants entered through Ellis Island than any other date in the City's history. The CUNY Citizenship and Immigration Project and Corps members join in the weeklong celebration which features events hosted by a number of community organizations in all five boroughs.



Membership Benefits

By joining the NYC/CUNY Citizenship Corps you become part of a team that thrives on helping others. Corps volunteers also enjoy many benefits, including the following:

- Gain a greater knowledge and understanding of immigration law. If you are new to immigration, acquire hands-on experience at our events and get a sense of the work of an immigration counselor. If you are a more experienced counselor, you can share your professional skills with newer immigration professionals.
- Participate in free immigration trainings presented by the CUNY Citizenship and Immigration Project.
- Benefit from other free educational tools designed for our volunteers, and available exclusively on our website.
- Network with fellow volunteers and CUNY Citizenship and Immigration Project staff members.
- Have the opportunity to meet many of New York's public officials who co-sponsor our Citizenship Now! events.
- Interact with participants from various cultural backgrounds and have the opportunity to practice a second language.
- Receive communications from the CUNY Citizenship and Immigration Project's listserv regarding upcoming events, trainings and other initiatives.
- Encourage and assist green card holders to apply for citizenship
- Provide information to immigrants to help them overcome barriers to meet the naturalization requirements.

