



Volunteer FAQs

Q) How do I apply to be a volunteer at Melbourne Fringe 2024?

A) You will need to complete the volunteer application form. This form is for ALL applicants, even those that have volunteered with the Festival before.

Included within this application you will be asked to read and accept the Melbourne Fringe 2023 Volunteer Agreement.

Melbourne Fringe has a deep commitment to cultural equity, and we strongly encourage applications from people who identify as First Nations, d/Deaf & Disabled, People of Colour, transgender & gender-diverse, and women. We work hard to embed equity throughout our organisation, and we strive to create safe and flexible working environments for our team.

If you require any more information about the specific tasks and/or the inherent physical requirements of a Melbourne Fringe volunteer or any assistance with the application process, please feel free to contact volunteers@melbournefringe.com.au.

Q) When do volunteer applications close?

A) We encourage you to apply as soon as possible!

Applications will close 11:59pm on Monday 19/08. If you are looking to apply after this date, please email volunteers@melbournefringe.com.au and our Volunteer Coordinator will be in touch.

Q) What does it take to be a volunteer at Melbourne Fringe?

A) Our volunteers come in all shapes and sizes and have a variety of backgrounds and talents! The one thing that our Volunteers all have in common is that they want to be part of the Melbourne Fringe community!

To volunteer at Melbourne Fringe 2024 you must:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Ideally be able to commit to 2 or 3 shifts per week during the Festival. Each shift will be range in length from 3 to 4 hours long. Many volunteers choose to do more and absolutely can if willing!
- Have a passion for the arts industry in Melbourne
- Have a willingness to engage with the general public who come to events at Melbourne Fringe
- Have an eagerness to make the Festival a memorable space for all patrons
- Have a sense of humour!

Q) What duties will I be doing as a Melbourne Fringe volunteer?

A) Our team of 200-plus volunteers will help Melbourne Fringe Festival deliver a vast range of programming to patrons at the Festival Hub at Trades Hall, and at various locations around the city at our Curated Program events.

As a volunteer, you can choose to be a part of the Access Champion, Audience Engagement or Front of House teams but can also opt to be an All-Rounder where you will experience a variety of different duties that can change from shift to shift.

A full list of Role Descriptions can be found at <https://melbournefringe.com.au/about-melbourne-fringe/jobs-and-volunteers/>

Q) How long is each volunteer shift?

A) Each shift can vary between 3 to 4 hours, never exceeding the 5-hour mark.

Q) Why should I be a Melbourne Fringe Volunteer?

A) While volunteering at Melbourne Fringe, you will meet lots of new people, make new friends and learn some new skills in a creative and fun environment.

If you are interested in working within the arts, then volunteering is a fantastic insight to how the arts industry works and is an opportunity to gain experience in the field. Many people who once volunteered at Melbourne Fringe now currently work for the Festival, including our current Volunteers Coordinator!

As a Melbourne Fringe Volunteer, you will also receive:

- A Melbourne Fringe 2024 team t-shirt
- An official Melbourne Fringe 2024 identification pass
- For every shift you volunteer at you will receive an Admit One pass to a Melbourne Fringe 2024 show of your choice.
- Your Volunteer Identification Pass will entitle you to discounts at some businesses as well as at our Melbourne Fringe bars within Trades Hall.
- An invite to our Volunteer Thank You Party!
- An official certificate of completion for being a volunteer at Melbourne Fringe 2024
- Where possible, an opportunity to watch performances and participate in community events during your shift time.

Q) I have submitted my application, what happens next?

A) Our Volunteer Coordinator will contact you with the next steps of the process the week commencing **Monday 19th of August**.

If you have submitted your application and wish to change any of the details, please email volunteers@melbournefringe.com.au

Q) What happens at the Volunteer Briefing? How essential is it that I attend?

A) Attending the Volunteer Briefing is such a crucial part of volunteering with Melbourne Fringe. The briefing is a chance for you to:

- Meet the key members of the Melbourne Fringe 2024 team that you will be working closely with throughout the Festival
- Meet your fellow volunteers
- Find out more information about the exciting events happening at Melbourne Fringe 2024
- Receive hands-on training and accompanying training materials to prepare you for your role as a volunteer

- Gain a better understanding of your duties as a volunteer
- Find out the Festival's policies and procedures
- Is an opportunity to ask direct questions to the Volunteer Coordinator
- You will receive your team T-shirt and accreditation for the event!

Q) When is the Volunteer Briefing taking place?

A) We have two dates available that you will be able to choose from on the application form. Those dates are Monday 16th September and Tuesday 17th September. Both sessions will begin at 6:00pm and finish at 8:00pm.

Q) What should I wear when I am volunteering?

A) While volunteering you should always wear your branded Melbourne Fringe 2024 team t-shirt along with the accreditation that is provided to you. This is your uniform, and we hope that you wear it with pride!
Other than your team T-shirt and accreditation we encourage you to show your personality through what you wear – after all this is Fringe! We do emphasize though that your attire must be work appropriate with closed-toe-shoes for your protection.