



St. John Ambulance

SAVING LIVES
at work, home and play

COMMUNITY SERVICES BE PART OF ST. JOHN!

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Mission Statement For St. John Ambulance in Canada

To enable Canadians to improve their health, safety and quality of life by providing training and community service.

Welcome! Thank you for your interest in volunteering with St. John Ambulance (SJA), Manitoba Council. This Volunteer Information Guide provides a general overview of SJA worldwide, with emphasis on the Manitoba family of St. John.

This brief and concise guide is intended to give you the information you need to move forward with your plan to volunteer with St. John Ambulance.

St. John Ambulance invites you or someone you know to apply to 'Be part of St. John!'

Fast Facts

- One of the oldest humanitarian organizations in the world, St. John Ambulance has a 900 year history world wide and supports humanitarian relief efforts.
- St. John Ambulance has been training and providing community services to Canadians for nearly 125 years.
- St. John Ambulance was founded in Manitoba in 1933.
- Over 450 trained, uniformed and equipped volunteers provided over 67,000 hours of community service activities to Manitobans in 2007.

Volunteer Opportunities

First Aid Volunteer – become an active, hands-on, community-based first aid provider.

This is the ideal program if you are looking for a volunteer opportunity which offers:

- a challenging, physically orientated, fast paced, stimulating volunteer experience that makes a difference to people in your community;
- free 40 + hours of first aid training which could ignite a passion for a career path as an emergency medical responder, paramedic or other medical professional;
- hands-on, direct experience treating a variety of injuries;
- seasonal first aid services outdoors using bikes in the Bike Patrol (only some Centres offer this);
- first aid services at a variety of favourite sporting events, festivals, popular concerts and interesting community events.

Therapy Dog – become part of an important dog-visitation program that brings the affection and love of a friendly, caring dog and handler on a regular basis to people in the community.

This is the ideal program if you are looking for a volunteer opportunity which offers:

A fun and easy way to share your dog with others!

- direct contact with people who may be lonely, ill and/or living in community facilities including nursing homes and group homes;
- quality time as you share your dog on a regular basis with others who genuinely appreciate and look forward to your visit;
- a regular visitation schedule with the opportunity to get to know people;
- an easy-going volunteer opportunity for you and your dog;
- a program in which no first aid skills are required.

Youth Program

This program is open to youths aged 6 – 18 years, and offers opportunities for leadership and inter-personal skills such as: teamwork, dedication and discipline. Our program areas focus on first aid and safety, public service, and skill development.

This is the ideal program if you are looking for a volunteer opportunity which offers:

A fun and meaningful way to develop personally and discover a passion for helping others!

- a chance to make new friends and develop new skills;
- a chance to bring your friends to volunteer with you and have fun;
- a challenging and stimulating program;
- a regular schedule with the opportunity to get to know others;
- the opportunity to learn a leadership role;
- the opportunity to choose what skills you want to develop;
- the opportunity to relate with other youth volunteers;
- the opportunity to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh's program.

St. John Ambulance “Ambassador Program”

A variety of exciting opportunities are available: Fundraising, Guest Speaking, Office Support, Mascot, Fellowship, Museum Interpreter, and Archives. This is a brand new program for St. John Ambulance! St. John Ambulance is looking for dedicated, energetic people who want to use their skills and volunteer their time to help St. John Ambulance make a difference in many ways.

A series of fun and meaningful ways to develop personally and discover a passion for helping others!

Fundraising volunteers help support the mission of St. John Ambulance by helping out in meaningful, tangible ways. This is the ideal program if you are looking for a volunteer opportunity which offers:

- direct involvement with people and organizations that support St. John Ambulance, its aims and mission;
- the opportunity to assume a leadership role;
- the opportunity to choose events in which you want to participate;
- the opportunity to talk in person or on the phone with other volunteers;
- a relaxed, easy-going volunteer opportunity for anyone.

Guest Speaker volunteers are always welcome, wherever they go. This is the ideal program if you are looking for a volunteer opportunity which offers:

*Become part
of the
fascinating
history of
St. John
Ambulance!*

- the ability to use your presentation and public speaking skills in delivering a variety of first aid, emergency preparedness and safety awareness topics;
- guest speaking at a wide variety of settings including schools, public facilities, SJA meetings, and anywhere that requests an SJA Guest Speaker.

Office Support volunteer is the ideal program if you are looking for a volunteer opportunity that offers the chance:

- to use or update some of your basic office skills;
- to work with information and documents;
- to set a flexible schedule in conjunction with the needs of the SJA office.

Fellowship is the ideal program for those who have previously been involved as a SJA volunteer, instructor or staff member, and it offers:

- connection to those who have volunteered or worked for St. John Ambulance;
- regular meetings for presentations, social gatherings and sharing a common bond with St. John.

Archives is the ideal program if you are looking for a volunteer opportunity that offers:

- detailed cataloguing of St. John Ambulance historically significant material;
- a fun way to connect with the history of St. John Ambulance;
- a flexible schedule.

*Apply for one or more positions and get
started on the road to volunteering with
St. John today!*

St. John Ambulance Commitment to Volunteers

SJA will do its very best to ensure that the volunteer experience is both productive and rewarding. St. John Ambulance in Manitoba is committed to:

- providing adequate information, training, and assistance to enable volunteers to meet the responsibilities of their positions;
- ensuring diligent supervisory assistance to volunteers by providing feedback through regular performance appraisals;
- providing personal injury, illness, and liability insurance for all members (contact the local St. John Centre Community Service Coordinator for specific information);
- respecting the skills, dignity, and individual needs of each volunteer, and doing its best to adjust to the volunteer's individual needs;
- being receptive to volunteers' comments regarding ways in which we might better accomplish our respective tasks;
- accepting a volunteer's wishes not to fulfill any volunteer assignment that he or she believes to be inappropriate, unsafe, or unacceptable;
- treating volunteers as partners with the employees who, together, are responsible for accomplishing SJA's mission statement.

Volunteer Recognition

All SJA members are recognized for their valued contribution to the organization and to their communities. SJA recognizes the outstanding community service of its volunteers by presenting national, provincial, and/or local honors and awards at various times throughout the year.

Volunteer Commitment to St. John Ambulance

As with any volunteer position, St. John Ambulance has certain expectations of those who volunteer. To serve as a SJA volunteer, volunteers are expected to commit to the following:

- to meet time and service commitments or to provide adequate notice so that alternate arrangements can be made;
- to perform volunteer services to the best of their ability;
- to adhere to SJA policies and procedures, including record keeping requirements, the confidentiality of organization and client information, and adherence to media policy;
- to accept supervision, to abide by the limits of the volunteer position description, and to seek help from the organization in a timely manner with any problems that might arise while volunteering;
- to accept that becoming SJA volunteers is not automatic, and that the organization has the right to release them from their volunteer duties at any time in which it believes that doing so is in the best interest of SJA, its clients or its mission;
- to attend whatever training the organization provides, either internally or externally, that is deemed necessary to perform services to the best of their abilities.
- to act at all times as a conscientious member of the team responsible for accomplishing the mission statement of SJA in Canada.

St. John Ambulance Volunteers Were There - Manitoba

On almost every day of the year SJA volunteers can be seen at community events somewhere in Manitoba. Outlined below is a select list of only a few of the events and situations that SJA has been called upon for assistance over the

- 2009 Manitoba Flood Reception Center
- Boo at the Zoo
- Royal Winter and Summer Fairs
- Manitoba Concert Hall
- Festival du Voyageur
- Santa Claus Parade
- Many other community events

The Organization

The Order of St. John

St. John Ambulance is a world-wide non-denominational charitable organization dedicated to the service of others. The governing body responsible for St. John Ambulance in Canada is The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, Priory of Canada.

- SJA has a varied and exciting history dating back over a thousand years. The first recorded history is dated 1099, when the Order was founded.

St. John Ambulance in Canada

- SJA in Canada was founded in 1883. The Priory in Canada exists as The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem.
- St. John Ambulance National Office is located in Ottawa. In addition to the Provincial/Territorial Offices, SJA has over 100 branches across Canada providing training and community services.

St. John Ambulance Worldwide

- St. John is a worldwide organization consisting of large structures called Priories (like Canada), and numerous smaller organizations called either Commandries or National Councils.

Complete your application today and get started on an exciting volunteer experience.

Checklist:

- Read the St. John Ambulance Volunteer Information Guide.
- Get excited!
- Select a volunteer area of interest.
- Complete Application form and provide any other documents requested.
- Arrange for a one-on-one meeting with your Community Service Coordinator to talk about volunteering with St. John Ambulance.
- Attend an orientation session.
- Find out about the Training Schedule.
- Have fun, make new friends, develop new skills, uncover your passion for the community, and.... Be part of St. John!

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