

Canadian Screen Week Volunteer Program FAQ

Q. What is required to volunteer?

A. Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older and are asked to work a minimum of two shifts throughout the week (daytime and evening shifts available). No previous experience is required.

Q. When are volunteers needed?

A. Canadian Screen Week hosts events every day from March 23-29 (schedule of events: www.academy.ca/schedule). We need volunteers at our evening Galas and daily Members Lounge throughout the week. Our biggest needs are at the Awards Galas Monday, March 23 and Tuesday, March 24, as well as at Family Fan Day and the three Galas we are hosting on Saturday March 28 and Sunday March 29.

Q. What types of jobs will volunteers be doing?

We are still assessing our needs for 2020 however we will likely be looking for Office Support, Greeters, Registration staff, Coat Check Attendants, Happy Hour servers (requires Smart Serve), Photography Assistants, Communications and Publicity Assistants, Volunteer Headquarters staff, and more.

Q. How long are shifts?

A. Most are around 4.5-5 hours long, many are longer.

Q. What do I get in return for volunteering?

A. In addition to the reward of being part of a premiere Canadian event, celebrating the best in film, television, and digital media, meeting new people and making new friends, volunteers also receive a Canadian Screen Week t-shirt to wear on duty that is yours to keep. Snacks are provided at most of our events and pizza dinner is served during the Broadcast Gala Sunday night. We also host a recognition reception for volunteers after Screen Week.

Q. Are there any immersive opportunities for those wanting to volunteer all week?

A. Yes! Our excellent design team, d3sign (threedesign.ca), are looking for a crew of four to assist them with the setup and tear down of events all week. This requires a flexible schedule and the ability to work early/late hours. Design training/experience is an asset. This is an excellent opportunity for those looking to gain experience in Event Management or Design. Be sure to let us know if this is something you are interested in.

Q. How does scheduling work?

A. Accepted volunteers are able to self-schedule, choosing your own shifts and assignments based on skillset and availability at the time of scheduling.

Q. When does the application close?

A. We will continue to accept applications until our needs are met.

Q. When will we find out if we are selected?

A. It will take some time to vet applications but we hope to start notifying those selected shortly.

Q. Is parking included?

A. Unfortunately we are unable to provide complimentary parking at our events, however all venues are in downtown Toronto and accessible by TTC. Some venues offer paid parking options as well. Be sure to plan ahead for your transportation needs to ensure that you arrive for your shifts on time.

Q. How can I find out more about Canadian Screen Week?

A. Fill out an application to receive updates and access to our interactive volunteer portal. Applicants are not considered confirmed volunteers until scheduled. You can follow us on Twitter (@TheCdnAcademy), Facebook (facebook.com/thecdnacademy) and Instagram (@thecdnacademy), and find out more on the Academy website: academy.ca

Have a question we haven't addressed above? You can find us at
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