



Volunteer as a Citizen Guide

"I'm in such a privileged position to be able to help [green card holders] finally achieve this dream that they have. I've seen countless people that have [passed their exams], and I can only imagine how much joy they're filled with and how much relief they have. To be a part of that is just something that I can't put into words."

—Aimee, Citizen Guide



Becoming a U.S. citizen is one of the most significant milestones in an aspiring American's journey—yet the process can be complicated, costly, and overwhelming. There are 8.7 million green card holders currently eligible for citizenship, and many face barriers on that path due to language and other constraints. **Citizen Guides ensure that aspiring Americans don't navigate that journey alone.**

Through the Welcome.US **Citizen Guide program**, volunteers across the nation provide direct support to green card holders (learners) on their journey to becoming U.S. citizens. This program is entirely virtual and offers a flexible schedule.

As a Citizen Guide, you'll be trained and matched one on one with a green card holder preparing for the U.S. citizenship exam. Citizen Guides aren't experts: They're coaches, mentors, and friends who show up for someone earning their citizenship.

Your role as a Citizen Guide

- Choose which roles you're open to:
 - **English conversation partner:** Build language skills and everyday conversation confidence.
 - **Citizenship test tutor:** Help a learner study for the citizenship exam.
 - **Mock citizenship interview coach:** Open to Citizen Guides who have served as citizenship test tutors. Conduct mock citizenship interviews so learners feel prepared and confident.
- Meet online with a learner at mutually agreed upon times for about an hour a week for 8 to 10 weeks.
- Build the learner's confidence through encouragement, conversation, and mentorship.

Support you'll receive

- ✓ Self-paced Citizen Guide training for each of the roles
- ✓ Study materials, resources, and session guides
- ✓ A community of volunteers
- ✓ Live support from the Welcome.US team

Who you'll support

- Our learners are green card holders (lawful permanent residents) who have applied, or plan to apply, for U.S. citizenship.

Why become a Citizen Guide

- Help someone achieve one of the most meaningful milestones on their American journey.
- Build a real connection that lasts long after the citizenship exam.
- Strengthen your own community ties: 65% of Volunteers say this work makes them feel more connected to where they live.

Calling all Welcomers.

About Welcome.US

Welcome.US is a national initiative built to inspire, mobilize, and empower Americans and American institutions from all corners of the country to welcome those seeking refuge here and help them thrive.

Still have questions? Email us at volunteer@welcome.us