



FESTIVAL VOLUNTEER GUIDELINES

26th ANNUAL SATCHMO SUMMERFEST

AUGUST 1 - 2, 2026

NEW ORLEANS JAZZ MUSEUM (400 ESPLANADE AVE)

VOLUNTEER CHECK-IN TIMES AND LOCATION:

Check-in will open promptly at 10:30 am (Sat. + Sun.). All volunteer shifts are scheduled to accommodate on-time arrivals, please plan accordingly. Volunteer check-in will be located inside the courtyard of the N.O. Jazz Museum facing the Barracks Street entrance. **Note:** Must be 16+ to volunteer. No outside beverages, weapons, pets or drugs will be allowed into the area.

VOLUNTEER CHECK-IN PROCEDURE

Report to volunteer check-in on Barracks street before proceeding to your job location, no more than 15 minutes prior to your shift start time. This will give you ample time to change into your volunteer shirt and make it to your post by the start of your shift. Please check-out with your booth manager at the end of your shift to receive your beverage/merch RFID card. If you are working more than one shift in a day, please return to volunteer check-in at the end of your shift to receive your food RFID card.

VOLUNTEER CODE OF CONDUCT

Volunteers have a critical role in festival operations assisting with important jobs and serving as event ambassadors. All positions involve working with the public and have a direct impact on the attendee's experience. Therefore, all volunteers must agree to the below code of conduct (note - actions detrimental to the organization or in conflict with the below are grounds for expulsion from the volunteer program):

- Treat everyone with respect, courtesy, and dignity at all times.
- Harassment is NOT allowed. It is not permissible to harass others on the basis of their gender, age, race, color, national origin, religion, marital status, citizenship, disability, sexual orientation, or other personal characteristics.
- Volunteer shirts must be worn at all times during your shift.
- Smoking and vaping are not allowed inside the booth.
- Eating is not allowed inside the booth.
- Use of controlled substances or alcoholic beverages before or while on your shift is not allowed.
- Do not give away free drinks to anyone.
- Volunteers must adhere to the same prohibited items list as the general public.

Any violations of these guidelines may result in your dismissal during the current shift and for any future positions for FQFI events.

Note: You are there to assist your Booth or Site Manager; remember they have the most complete overall view of the booth's operations and have planned in advance accordingly with the Director of Operations.

If you are approached by the media, please do not make any statements on behalf of French Quarter Festival, Inc.

Direct all inquiries to Volunteer Check-In (located at the NOJM, by Barracks Street entrance.)

WHAT TO WEAR

- Volunteers will receive a complimentary limited edition SSF 2026 volunteer T-shirt to be worn for the duration of your shift.
- Be prepared at check-in to change into your shirt using a bathroom inside the New Orleans Jazz Museum.
- Please do not cut or alter your shirt in any way.
- Shorts or jeans are perfect for this work -- be comfortable and plan for the weather forecast of the day!
- Wear comfortable shoes; closed-toed shoes are required.
- We encourage you to leave all personal items at home, such as purses or backpacks. FQFI is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Keep in mind that the ground inside beverage booths is usually damp or wet; one small bin will be available for storing important belongings.

MERCH & BEVERAGE TICKETS

- Volunteers will receive a \$10 pre-loaded RFID card that can be used at merchandise and beverage booths.
- Trading beverages for food or other beverages is strictly prohibited.
- Water is free for volunteers during their shifts and available at the Volunteer Check-in Booth (please do not take from beverage booths)
- Pre-loaded RFID cards valid for food credits are available for those working multiple shifts on the same day (2 or more shifts).

RAIN

- The festival is a rain-or-shine event; unless we receive a severe weather advisory, we will remain open and operating.
- In cases of severe weather, volunteers will be informed by booth managers of the procedures to stay safe and take cover.

BEER BOOTHS: ***Must be 21 or older to participate in this role***

- Beer Booth Managers will be on hand to assist and answer any questions you may have during your volunteer shift regarding proper serving techniques.
- Booth Managers will be inventorying the product throughout the day. Do not share the ice with any other booths.
- Only Booth Managers can call for change, products, and supplies as needed, so if you notice supplies getting low, please let your Booth Manager know.

SERVING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

- Volunteers are NOT allowed to sell alcoholic beverages. This is because you must have a Responsible Vendor License to sell and/or serve alcoholic beverages. **If a volunteer is caught selling or serving alcohol to an underage minor, the volunteer will be issued a fine by the ATC.**
- Volunteers are NOT allowed to directly hand alcoholic beverages to patrons; volunteers will be pouring drinks and passing them to cashiers.
- Selling and serving will be handled by your Booth Manager and hired cashiers, who will check the IDs of every person who buys alcohol.
- Volunteers will be required to watch a short video showing the proper way to pour a tap beer.

TIP BUCKETS

- All tips must be placed in tip buckets.
- All tips go into the following year's musician fund -- feel free to share this information with patrons.
- Bankers will collect the tips during each shift; if tip buckets start to fill up, please notify your Booth Manager immediately.

MERCHANDISE BOOTH

- Merch Booth Managers will be on hand to assist you and answer questions.
- All tills will be opened and closed daily by your Merch Booth Manager, volunteers will not be asked to handle this task.
- Booth Managers and cashiers should be in booths at all times. If for some reason a supervisor cannot be present with you, **never leave the booth with the cash register unattended**, even if it rains -- we will release you so you may find cover ASAP.

PROHIBITED ITEMS AND POLICIES

- All public and attendee prohibited items, and the associated attendee policies, apply the same to volunteers. That information is listed on our website [here](#).

If you need assistance, please contact:

Jimmy Bassett, Volunteer Coordinator at volunteers@fqfi.org