

Eligibility Guidelines for Volunteers

All Special Love volunteers must be 18 years of age or older with the exception of BRASS volunteers. Siblings are eligible to volunteer for BRASS at the age of 17.

Volunteers are not permitted to bring their family members to Special Love events. Our events are for Special Love patient family members only. This, of course, does not include fundraising events or any other 'open to the public' events sponsored by Special Love.

Family Volunteers:

Some of our volunteers get involved because their child, sibling, or other family member is a camper. While we welcome all volunteers, particularly those whose family already has a history with us, it is Special Love's policy that a person cannot volunteer at an event where his or her family member is a camper.

Applications:

A completed volunteer application is required of all new volunteers in order to be eligible to volunteer for weekend events. Included in this application process is a mandatory background check. Everyone must apply (or reapply) for a volunteer spot at Camp Fantastic and BRASS Camp each year.

Background Checks:

Background checks are conducted on all new volunteers and on all veteran volunteers every year. Special Love reserves the right to refuse new volunteers, or disqualify veteran volunteers, based on information received on an updated background check.

Waitlists:

While Special Love would like to include every volunteer who wishes to come to an event, volunteer spots will be available on a first-come, first-served and need basis. Understandably, Special Love's main focus is on the Special Love patient family and we must use our resources wisely and thoughtfully. Therefore, volunteers may find themselves on a "waiting list" or unable to attend an event. This is not necessarily a reflection on the volunteer, but rather a reflection on the needs of the program.