



# Volunteers Needed

## Many Opportunities for You to Help at the Big Show

**V**olunteers are a vital part of any stamp show. Without them, stamp shows do not happen. A local show can be staged with just a few volunteers while most World Series of Philately stamp shows typically involve several dozen individuals.

But in May and early June, our country will be the host nation for an international stamp show and World Stamp Show-NY 2016 needs more than 500 volunteers. It is important for the American philatelic community to stage the best show we possibly can. And volunteers are a key part of a successful international stamp show.

So what sort of people will volunteer for WSS-NY 2016? They are anybody and everybody. Some of them are the leading experts in their area of philately, but most of them are intermediate or beginner collectors. Some are even non-collectors (typically, spouses or other family members of collectors attending the show).

But whatever your background, there is a volunteer position that will match your talents and interests. Would you like to greet attendees as they enter the show? Do you want to prepare show covers, mount exhibits, or work with philatelic literature? Assist new collectors or post to social media, perhaps? We have volunteer positions in all of those areas.

What do you get by volunteering?

A lot of fun and new friendships with folks with interests similar to yours from around the country and the around the world. You will definitely make contact with people that you likely would not see at your annual World Series of Philately show. You will also see first-hand how an international stamp show comes together and operates from behind the scenes. And all this will happen in the Big Apple, New York City, one of the world's most exciting cities.

The most important benefit from volunteering is the satisfaction of knowing that you contributed to the greater good of American philately. So how can you get more information on volunteering?



Registration area at APS StampShow 2015 in Michigan, that was staffed with the assistance of volunteers.

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**May 28–June 4, 2016**  
**New York City**  
[www.ny2016.org](http://www.ny2016.org)

Show opens in  
**4**  
months

**WSS-NY 2016**  
**Social Media**  
[www.facebook.com/ny2016](http://www.facebook.com/ny2016)  
[www.twitter.com/WorldStampShowN](http://www.twitter.com/WorldStampShowN)  
[www.pinterest.com/wssny2016](http://www.pinterest.com/wssny2016)

Go to the WSS-NY 2016 website, [ny2016.org](http://ny2016.org), and at the top of the page click on “Show Information” and then select “Become a Volunteer.” There, you will see links to view the Directory of Volunteer Opportunities (with a description of each position and any special qualifications) and the Volunteer Handbook. To sign-up, click on the link to the Volunteer Application Form and fill in your name, contact info, any special skills or abilities you have, and what positions you would be interested in. Then hit the submit button. We will get back to you in a few days.

For those without Internet access, just write a note describing what you would like to do and send it to me, WSS-NY 2016 Volunteer Chairman Mark Butterline, 6 Carbone Circle, Maynard, MA 01754. You can also e-mail your questions and comments to [mark.butterline@ny2016.org](mailto:mark.butterline@ny2016.org).