



for every child

# UNICEF USA VOLUNTEERS BACKGROUND CHECKS

## Why do I need to complete a background check to volunteer with children at UNICEF USA?

UNICEF USA is committed to actively safeguarding children from harm and protecting every child's rights when participating in our programs. UNICEF USA maintains a zero-tolerance policy toward the sexual abuse and exploitation of children, or any other form of child abuse or exploitation by UNICEF USA staff or anyone affiliated with UNICEF USA.

UNICEF USA's commitment to safeguard children is consistent with Article 19 of the [UN Convention on the Rights of the Child](#), which states that all children, wherever they may live and whatever their circumstances, have the right to be protected, nurtured and free from all forms of violence, abuse, neglect, maltreatment and exploitation.



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## STERLING VOLUNTEERS

- Sterling Volunteers is the only background check platform tailored to the specific needs of the service sector and the first online community to mobilize repeat, vetted volunteers.
- Sterling Volunteers is backed by Sterling Backcheck, one of the world's largest background screening companies, and partners with Points of Light, the world's largest organization dedicated to volunteer service.
- To learn more about Sterling Volunteers, their privacy settings and to answer most FAQs, please visit [sterlingvolunteers.com/about/faqs](https://sterlingvolunteers.com/about/faqs).

UNICEF USA requires background checks for UNICEF UNITE Club advisors that are not teachers or school based. If you would like to serve as a UNICEF UNITE Club advisor, and you are not a teacher or high-school employee, we require you to take a background check.

We know that volunteer screening can be costly, time-consuming and inconvenient. However, we've taken steps to make this free and easy as we deliver on our commitment to child safeguarding. UNICEF USA partners with Sterling Volunteers to conduct background checks that are free of charge to volunteers and can yield results in just a few business days. The process requires volunteers to set up an account with Sterling Volunteers using a link provided by UNICEF USA. Volunteers have full access to their information at all times.

Questions? Email us at [volunteer@unicefusa.org](mailto:volunteer@unicefusa.org).