



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CITIZENSHIP DAY!

We are looking for immigration attorneys, BIA accredited representatives, paralegals, interpreters and general volunteers to assist with **CITIZENSHIP DAY**, a partnership between OneAmerica and the Washington State Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA).

**WHEN: Saturday, February 5, 2011, from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**SITES: Des Moines, Mount Vernon, and Vancouver**

Washington New Americans, a program of OneAmerica, promotes successful integration by connecting Legal Permanent Residents to the information and services they need to successfully pursue citizenship and become active members of our community. Citizenship Days, held in partnership with AILA and community organizations across the state, offer assistance with citizenship applications in 9 cities in Washington State. Last year, we had over 375 volunteers supporting Citizenship Days and were able to serve 650 individuals at 12 sites across the state! Visit our website [www.wanewamericans.org](http://www.wanewamericans.org) for more information.

**We need YOU to make our Citizenship Days successful!**

**SIGN UP NOW AT [http://www.wanewamericans.org/Citizenship\\_Day\\_Volunteers](http://www.wanewamericans.org/Citizenship_Day_Volunteers)**

### **MORE INFORMATION ON VOLUNTEER ROLES:**

**ALL** volunteers will be required to attend trainings prior to the day of the event. Training for general support, interpreters, and paralegals will be held on **Tuesday, February 1, 2011 12:30 – 2:00**. Attorney training will take place on **Tuesday, February 3, 2011, 12:30 – 2:00**. Trainings will be held via conference call or in person.

**NOTE:** If you have attended a training in the past year (i.e. April or October 2010), you are exempt from the FULL training; however, due to significant structural changes in the execution of the event, you are required to attend the first 15 minutes of either training.

**Attorneys:** Meet one on one with clients to determine eligibility for naturalization, answer questions, review applications for accuracy, provide further instructions for follow up or filing. Attorneys may also review the work of other attorneys during client checkout. You must be a licensed immigration attorney to fulfill this role. ALL attorney volunteers must have been in practice for at least 2 years, **AND** have completed at least five (5) Naturalization applications over the course of those two years. BIA accredited staff of non-profit organizations are also welcome to serve in this role if they meet the same criteria. If you would like to request an exception to these criteria, contact Chris Helm at [chrishelm@dwt.com](mailto:chrishelm@dwt.com) or (206) 757-8060.

**Paralegals:** Meet one on one with clients to help complete naturalization forms. Paralegals may **NOT** provide legal advice. This could be a great role for certified paralegals as well as attorneys and law students seeking to gain experience in immigration law.

**Interpreters:** Interpret verbatim between clients and paralegals or attorneys and other volunteer staff. Ensure that clients and paralegals/attorneys understand each other and contents of all forms, documents needed for naturalization. Interpreters may **NOT** provide legal advice except as direct translation of advice given by attorney. Interpreters of all languages are welcome, particularly, those with Spanish, Russian, Somali, Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese skills, among other languages. **We especially need Russian speakers in Mount Vernon!**

**General Support:** Help as directed by Site Coordinators with set up/take down at facility, signage, client intake, routing of clients through the facility, copying and assembling documents, answering non-legal questions, passing out information documents, help with food and drinks for volunteers. These volunteers perform the tasks needed to make Citizenship Days successful!