

WAC 296-17A-6901 Classification 6901.

((6901-00)) Volunteers

~~((Applies to the medical aid coverage for volunteers of state agencies, municipal corporations, political subdivisions, or private nonprofit charitable organizations. Medical aid coverage is mandatory for volunteers of state agencies. Medical aid coverage is optional for volunteers of city, county, town, special district, municipal corporations, political subdivisions, or nonprofit charitable organizations.~~

~~This classification excludes student volunteers of private sector employers who are to be reported separately in classification 6901-01; volunteer law enforcement officers of cities, towns, counties and taxing districts for whom medical aid only coverage has been elected who are to be reported separately in classification 6906; and volunteer law enforcement officers of cities, towns, counties, or Native American tribal councils for whom full coverage has been elected who are to be reported separately in classification 6905.~~

~~**Special note:** To elect coverage for volunteers, employers or charitable organizations must submit a completed Application for Optional Coverage to the department. Conditions of coverage are outlined on the application. State Fund workers' compensation is not provided to volunteer firemen covered by chapter 41.24 RCW and emergency services workers covered by chapter 38.52 RCW.~~

6901-01 Student volunteers

~~Applies to the medical aid coverage for student volunteers. Medical aid coverage is optional for student volunteers. A student volunteer is defined as a student who is enrolled in a public school (kindergarten level through grade 12), is participating as a volunteer in a program authorized or sponsored by the public school to provide work based learning experiences, and who receives no wages for their volunteer services. Maintenance and reimbursement for actual expenses incurred in performing assigned duties are not considered wages.~~

~~This classification excludes volunteer workers for state agencies, local government agencies and private nonprofit charitable organizations who are to be reported separately in classification 6901-00; volunteer law enforcement officers of cities, towns, counties and taxing districts for whom medical aid only coverage has been elected who are to be reported separately in classification 6906; and volunteer law enforcement officers of cities, towns, counties, or Native American tribal councils for whom full coverage has been elected who are to be reported separately in classification 6905.~~

~~**Special note:** To elect coverage for student volunteers, employers or charitable organizations must submit a completed Application for Optional Coverage to the department. Conditions of coverage are outlined on the application. State Fund workers' compensation is not provided to volunteer firemen covered by chapter 41.24 RCW and emergency services workers covered by chapter 38.52 RCW.)) Applies to the medical aid coverage for volunteers of state agencies, municipal corporations, political subdivisions, private nonprofit charitable organizations, and student volunteers and/or unpaid students as defined in chapter 51.12 RCW.~~

~~• Medical aid coverage is mandatory for volunteers of state agencies.~~

• Medical aid coverage is optional for volunteers of cities, counties, towns, special districts, municipal corporations, political subdivisions, private nonprofit charitable organizations, and for qualifying student volunteers and/or unpaid students as defined in chapter 51.12 RCW.

This classification excludes:

• Volunteer law enforcement officers of cities, towns, counties and taxing districts for whom medical aid only coverage has been elected who are to be reported separately in classification 6906; and

• Volunteer law enforcement officers of cities, towns, counties, or Native American tribal councils for whom full coverage has been elected who are to be reported separately in classification 6905.

Special note: See relevant rules, including WAC 296-17-925, 296-17-930, 296-17-935, and 296-17-35201 for reporting instructions and recordkeeping requirements. To elect coverage for qualified volunteers, employers or charitable organizations must submit a completed Application for Elective Coverage of Excluded Employment form to the department. State Fund workers' compensation is not provided to volunteer firefighters covered by chapter 41.24 RCW, nor to emergency services workers covered by chapter 38.52 RCW.

For administrative purposes, classification 6901 is divided into the following subclassifications:

6901-00 Volunteers of state agencies, cities, counties, towns, municipal corporations, political subdivisions, or private nonprofit charitable organizations

6901-01 Student volunteers, unpaid students

A student volunteer is defined as a student who is:

• Currently enrolled in a public or private K-12 school or state public or private institution of higher education; and

• Participating as a student volunteer in a program authorized by the school; and

• Performing duties for the employer without receiving wages for their volunteer services. Maintenance and reimbursement for actual expenses necessarily incurred in performing the assigned duties are not considered wages.

An unpaid student is defined as a student who is:

• Currently enrolled in a state public or private institution of higher education; and

• Participating in an unpaid work-based learning program (including cooperative education, clinical experience, and internship programs) authorized by the school; and

• Performing duties for the employer without receiving wages for their services; and

• Receiving credit towards completing the school program, certification, or degree from an institution of higher education. Maintenance and reimbursement for actual expenses necessarily incurred in performing the assigned duties are not considered wages. Credit towards completing the school program, certification, or degree are not considered wages.