

## What is the federal voluntary service “Bundesfreiwilligendienst” for refugees?

The federal voluntary service called “Bundesfreiwilligendienst” (BFD) gives you the opportunity to work as a volunteer in social institutions. A lot of people use the BFD to gather insight into the different areas of social work or for professional orientation matters. During your service you can count on a constant contact person from our side.

### Seminardays

Besides your practical work you will visit educational seminars. During these seminars you will meet with other volunteers in different locations. All in all you will have 25 educational days throughout the year. On these days you will have the opportunity to exchange ideas with other volunteers and to get a deeper insight into a lot of different topics.

## Who can do a voluntary service?

*Requirements are:*

- You are 18 years old or older
- You have a permanent residence permission
- You are not living in an initial reception for refugees anymore
- You have filed an asylum petition and a document that certifies that you are registered as an asylum seeker (“BÜMA”)
- Or a positive decided asylum request
- A work permission is admitted by the foreign office
- The agency for work doesn’t need to be contacted for the volunteer service
- You should be interested in social work and be able to commit for a one year volunteer service
- You should have basic knowledges of German language

## What awaits you?

BFD is a voluntary service without salary intention. The following services are provided to you:

- Pocket Money
- Depending on the workplace there will be work wear and meal provision
- Medical insurance, pension insurance, unemployment insurance and nursing care insurance
- Individual attendance at work by a qualified person
- Attendance by an employee of our organization
- Free German classes

### Possible institutions:

We offer a wide range of different institutions for your voluntary service. For example institutions for young people, children, elderly homes and health care centers.

### Application procedure:

You can apply directly to our voluntary institutions. It's also possible to send your application forms to our office in Munich.

We need from you:

- Motivation letter
- Application form (<http://www.freiwilligendienste-bayern.de>)
- BÜMA or residence permit
- Curriculum Vitae
- References (if any)

We will contact you, after receiving your application. Afterwards you will have the opportunity to get to know the institution you will work at while your voluntary service.

### Contact us:

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### Further Information and required documents to download

<http://www.bundesfreiwilligendienst-bayern.de/bundesfreiwilligendienst/>

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