



# GEORGIA RADIO READING SERVICE, INC. (GaRRS)

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## QUALIFICATIONS FOR GaRRS VOLUNTEERS

### 1. What are the qualifications for volunteering at GaRRS?

GaRRS volunteer readers must:

- Complete a volunteer application and an interview with our Director of Volunteer Services.
- Sign the release of liability and oath of confidentiality on the application.
- Successfully complete an audio reading audition which takes about 20 minutes. The audition includes a 100-word pronunciation test, a short newspaper article, and a short fictional excerpt. The audition is a recorded exercise and takes place at our studios.
- Successfully complete training on the recording equipment.
- Commit to following the guidelines and procedures included in the GaRRS Volunteer Handbook.
- Commit to attend a one-hour volunteer orientation at our studios within your first year of volunteerism.

### 2. How can I prepare for the audition?

The audition is a "cold" reading, so good sight-reading and pronunciation skills are important. Consider the following list of characteristics by which your test will be evaluated:

- a. Words must be pronounced correctly, and diction should be clear, distinct, and understandable. Here are a few samples that are similar to words found in the audition:  
*inveterate - derisive - facade - semitic - hierarchy - arduous - tenuous - choreography - perpetrated - promiscuity - La Jolla, California*
- b. Your reading should
  - i. flow smoothly without frequent hesitations
  - ii. be appropriate to the type of material being presented; be expressive, not exaggerated; relaxed, not stilted
  - iii. exhibit a pace which is easy to follow and appropriate to the material being read
  - iv. bring the material to life; make the listener want to hear more; convince the listener that you are interested in what you are reading

The audition will be evaluated shortly after completion; applicants will be notified regarding the results of the audition as soon as possible. Applicants may be asked to re-take the audition at a later date or may be asked to take on another volunteer task at GaRRS.

### 3. What will I read for GaRRS?

Assignment of reading material is determined by the volunteer (you) and the Director of Volunteer Services. Assignments are based on the volunteer's interests, reading skills and schedule, and by the needs of the program. Although most reading material is furnished by GaRRS, volunteers may be asked to gather reading materials for their programs. Volunteers are not required to read anything that is personally offensive to them.

To find out more about volunteering for the Georgia Radio Reading Service, Inc. (GaRRS) or to schedule an audition, please call or email GaRRS at 800-672-6173 or [garrsinfo@gbp.org](mailto:garrsinfo@gbp.org).