

NON-TRAINED/NON-ENROLLED/NON-CERTIFIED INDIVIDUALS

Non-Trained/Non-Enrolled/Non-Certified individuals are not WSU authorized volunteers and cannot work on behalf of WSU. Therefore, these individuals who participate in WSU Extension activities and events are not covered by WSU Worker's Compensation or Liability Protection. Their participation is at their own risk.

AUTHORIZED/ENROLLED/CERTIFIED VOLUNTEERS

WSU has a formal process for authorizing, enrolling and/or certifying volunteers. An interested individual must submit an application to a WSU Extension program, successfully complete required training, and pass a background check. If the applicant is accepted, he or she will receive documentation that he or she is an "Authorized", "Enrolled" or "Certified" WSU Extension volunteer.

Authorized/Enrolled/Certified volunteers are protected under the State of Washington Tort Claims Law, RCW 4.92.060 in the course of performing their WSU duties. An authorized volunteer can request the University to defend him or her if an action or proceedings for damages are brought which arise from their acts or omissions while performing, or in good faith purporting to perform, their official duties.

Volunteers are expected to act in good faith and without negligence in the performance of their duties in order to minimize any chance of creating a University liability.

Volunteers may participate in the Department of Labor and Industries Medical Aid Program. Participation allows an injured volunteer's medical expenses to be paid by the Department of Labor and Industries. Eligibility for benefits is determined by the Department of Labor and Industries.