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**WHAT:** Help a Teen go to College: Volunteer to become a College Prep Coach

**WHEN:** November-January

**WHERE:** Caruthers, Mendota, Parlier, Orange Cove, Riverdale, San Joaquin, Selma and Tranquility

**DETAILS:** Fresno County Public Library is recruiting skilled volunteers to assist teens and parents fill out applications for college and financial aid. When schools are closed, rural students throughout the county often find it difficult to access materials and computers that can help with this milestone in a student's life. The Fresno County Public Library not only provides a safe and welcoming environment for these students and families, but also has the needed technology and print materials to help them navigate the college and career path. Those with Spanish language skills are encouraged to apply.

By becoming a College Prep Coach, volunteers will dedicate a few hours each week to help families unfamiliar with the task of completing important applications. "All students must have direct access to materials and technology to succeed in life," says County Librarian Laurel Prysiazny. "By staffing several rural branches with trained volunteers, the Library's College Prep Program will assist students and families with laying the groundwork for making college a reality."

If you would like to help a teen go to college visit <http://www.fresnolibrary.org> and click on the volunteer banner, or call Elizabeth Finkle at (559) 600-9230.

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