

America Counts FAQ

What is America Counts?

The “America Counts” initiative at Towson University is a structured program offering mathematics tutoring to children in area middle schools. Tutors choose a school and work one-to-one with students who have been selected by their teachers. The goal of the program is to increase mathematics skills, understanding, and achievement on state mandated tests.

How can I get involved or get questions answered?

If interested, send an email to AmericaCounts@towson.edu. You can also [click here](#) to apply.

What kind of commitment must I make to the program?

America Counts tutors are required to tutor for an entire semester. Tutoring for multiple semesters is encouraged, but not required.

Do I get paid for being an America Counts tutor?

If you qualify for federal work study, then yes, you get paid \$11/hour! If you do not know whether you have Federal Work Study, we can put you in touch with a financial aid advisor who can help you.

If you do not have federal work study, you can still tutor for America Counts as a volunteer! Volunteers can receive community service hours.

I’m a Federal Work Study Student. What do I need to know?

If you have a federal work study award, you can be paid to tutor. You will need to attend an orientation to learn detail about paperwork, wages, timesheets, etc.

Email americacounts@towson.edu with any questions.

What type of training will I receive?

An orientation session will be scheduled at the beginning of each semester. Part of this session will focus on the expectations during tutoring sessions. At this session, as well as others scheduled throughout the semester, America Counts coordinators in the Mathematics Department will provide support to tutors, teaching strategies and games to use during sessions.

Where and when does tutoring happen?

Tutoring happens at various middle schools in Baltimore City, as well as a facility of the Department of Juvenile Services. Times vary by site, but among all the sites, we have tutoring hours from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.

How will I get to my site?

University transportation is available during select days and times, and it varies by site.