

# Consider Volunteering for the International Dyslexia Association

The International Dyslexia Association - Georgia  
is a non-profit, **volunteer** organization  
dedicated to helping  
individuals with dyslexia,  
their families,  
and the individuals and groups that support them.

## Who?

The IDA-GA Board of Directors needs passionate individuals throughout the state of Georgia who want to be actively involved in enhancing and building upon IDA-GA's current efforts. With the help of the IDA-GA volunteers, the Board of Directors believes IDA-GA will be able to do more and do it better than ever! Together we can demystify reading difficulties, spread knowledge, and encourage change.

## How?

If you would like to be a volunteer for IDA-GA, please contact us at [info@idaga.org](mailto:info@idaga.org) or (404) 256-1232.

## What?

You can contribute by sharing your ideas, skills, and/or time in any of the following areas (or suggest other ways you want to be involved):

### **1. Information / Referral**

**IDA-GA gets calls and emails from individuals across the state of Georgia.**

- Anyone can help us compile a comprehensive IDA-GA Resource Reference Book by letting us know about resources he/she has found in GA. We also need researchers to help us find other hidden gems throughout the state. How can we help individuals who live far from Atlanta?
- We need a bank of experts and some good listening ears. Offer to answer questions from callers by speaking directly to callers or by being a resource for the Outreach Coordinator. Simply tell us about yourself, and we can match caller questions with your area of expertise.
- Assist with compiling data and updating forms and lists.

### **2. Website [ga.dyslexiaida.org](http://ga.dyslexiaida.org)**

#### **& Social Media**

- Are you website and Social Media savvy? Send us your suggestions!
- Find IDA-GA on Social Media and hit "like," make comments, etc.
- Do you have an eagle-eye for typos and inconsistencies in format? Help us proofread pages on the website.

### **3. Dyslexia Dash 5K Run / October Awareness Month**

**This event provides an opportunity to raise awareness about dyslexia, and the funds raised will go towards the scholarship fund and teacher training initiatives.**

- Assist with event planning, organization, publicity, and/or legwork prior to race day.
- Participate as an individual runner/walker or as part of a team. Encourage others to register and form teams.
- Help on race day by doing any of a number of tasks: manning a table, restocking water/refreshments, assisting the DJ or the race director, setting-up / breaking down tables, organizing t-shirts, directing traffic in the parking lot, taking photographs, etc.

#### **4. IDA-GA E-Newsletter**

**You will receive the IDA-GA E-Newsletter every couple of months.**

- Recommend an article topic.
- Direct us to an article you would like to see reprinted in the IDA-GA newsletter.
- Provide information that can be used in an article.
- Submit a “perspectives” article based on your experience as a person with dyslexia or your experience as a person who is in some other way “connected” with dyslexia.\*
- IDA-GA will periodically ask for specific types of submissions. When you find out about these opportunities to be published, please spread the word.\*

*\*Note: The IDA-GA Board will review all submissions and will contact individuals if their submission has been chosen for publication.*

#### **5. TeamQuest**

**National fundraising campaign in which participants train for a rewarding and exciting endurance event at one of the great destination events worldwide while raising money to help children and adults with dyslexia and other reading difficulties. <http://teamquestdyslexia.org/>**

- Help recruit runners and walkers.
- Support a run by being a virtual or in-person participant

#### **6. Outreach Meetings**

**The meetings are free and open to the public. Meeting topics and locations will vary and will be geared to different audiences.**

- Help find different venues/hosts for meetings.
- Be a greeter/in charge of sign-in.
- Offer to be facilitator for open forum/ support group type meetings.
- Suggest topics and/or speakers.
- If you have an area of expertise, offer to be a speaker.
- Offer to bring refreshments.

#### **7. Annual Dimensions of Dyslexia Conference**

**Parents, professionals, and individuals with dyslexia attend this annual conference.**

- Attend and share what you learned. Submit “highlights” for the e-newsletter.
- Spread the word. Forward the e-blast announcements.
- Suggest speakers/topics.
- Submit a proposal to be a speaker.
- Volunteer to work the day of the event.

#### **8. Other Suggestions WELCOME**

**Thank you for your support of the International Dyslexia Association - Georgia  
Visit [ga.dyslexiaida.org](http://ga.dyslexiaida.org) often to find out about specific volunteer needs throughout the year.**