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VolunteerLocal

The Insider's Guide

Volunteer shift signup and tracking for programs and events



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among shift scheduling apps, read from VolunteerLocal's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from VolunteerLocal's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on VolunteerLocal's page too, where it is kept up to date. Checked Nov 13, 2026.

Welcome

What it is, who it suits, its grades and the ten things to know first

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GPA, above 26 of the 49 other shift scheduling apps we grade

VolunteerLocal is volunteer management software for nonprofits, race organizers and event teams. Organizers define jobs and shifts, volunteers sign up without needing a password, and the system sends reminders and records hours. Pricing is split between ongoing programs, billed yearly, and single events, billed per event.

To get you started, here are **9 things to know about VolunteerLocal**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

1 **Best for volunteer shift sign-up for programs and events**

But it schedules volunteers only, with no pay or labor-cost tools, and some features' plan placement isn't shown.

2 **Paid plans start at $50 a month when paid by the year**

As its pricing page puts it: $600 per year for ongoing programs, or $200 per event.

3 **You can try it first**

Try it without a credit card; payment details are asked for only when you upgrade to a paid account.

4 **It runs on 3 platforms**

Web, iOS and Android.

5 **Jobs and shifts**

Organizers define jobs and four shift types: standard (date and time), flexible (date only), placeholder, and self-reported shifts that a volunteer creates.

6 **Sign up without a password**

Volunteers can sign up for shifts without creating a password, and can also use an optional iOS or Android app to pick shifts, view their schedule and cancel.

7 **Email and SMS reminders**

Automated reminders, message templates and email and text messaging sit inside the platform, with annual SMS allowances by plan.

8 **A 2.2 GPA, above 26 of 49**

That is against the other shift scheduling apps we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

9 **Keep it**

The plain part of VolunteerLocal you could make: calendar, forms and reports. What surrounds it you could not. The 2 things listed below take a company, not a weekend.

VolunteerLocal at a glance

PRICING
Free trial, from $600 per year for ongoing programs, or $200 per event

FREE PLAN
No

FREE TRIAL
Try it without a credit card; payment details are asked for only when you upgrade to a paid account.

RUNS ON
Web, iOS, Android

MADE BY
VolunteerLocal

CATEGORY
Shift Scheduling

OUR GRADE
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The report card

Best for volunteer shift sign-up for programs and events

VolunteerLocal handles volunteer jobs, shifts, reminders and hours from $600 a year for a program or $200 per event. But it schedules volunteers only, with no pay or labor-cost tools, and some features' plan placement isn't shown.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	VolunteerLocal	Graded Nov 13, 2026
SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	$600 a year for 2 admin seats (about $50 a month) or $200 per event, with unlimited volunteers. It's a different kind of tool, priced by program, not per head.
Free plan and trial	C	Try it without a card; you pay on upgrade. No free plan is listed.
Features	C	Jobs, shifts, passwordless sign-up, reminders, hours and CRM links. It does the volunteer job fully, but nothing for paid staff, and the plans carrying hours tracking aren't clear.
Ease of use	C	No store rating on record. Setting up jobs and shifts is the work.
Platforms and integrations	B	Web plus iPhone and Android apps, with Salesforce, Little Green Light, DonorPerfect and NeonCRM. No desktop app.
Grade point average		Fair, out of 4.0 **2.2**

An A is worth 4 points, a B 3, a C 2, a D 1 and an F nothing. The GPA is the average of the five.

Who VolunteerLocal is for

- ✓ Fits if you run volunteer programs or one-off events and want sign-up and reminders
- ✓ Works for charities that keep donors in Salesforce or NeonCRM

Who it is not for

- ✕ Skip it if you roster paid staff, as there are no pay-rate or labor-cost tools
- ✕ Tight if you want more than 10,000 texts a year on the entry plan
- ✕ Watch out: background screens cost extra per screen
- ✕ Watch out: hours tracking and applicant vetting carry an asterisk, and the plans aren't shown

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Nonprofits staffing ongoing volunteer programs
- ✓ Race, festival and fundraiser organizers who pay per event
- ✓ Volunteer coordinators who need reminders and hours reports

Worth knowing

- ⓘ This is volunteer scheduling, not paid-staff rostering: it has no pay-rate or labor-cost tools on the pages we read.
- ⓘ Hours tracking, applicant vetting, branded design and group registration carry an asterisk in the pricing table; the page text does not show which plans have them.
- ⓘ Background screens cost extra, charged per screen.
- ⓘ Extra admin seats can be bought beyond the 2, 10 or 50 included.

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What it costs

Every plan, the free plan, ways to pay less and how prices have moved

$50

A month to start, paid by the year

VolunteerLocal is a paid product with a free trial, starting at $600 per year for ongoing programs, or $200 per event.

> **It's a different kind of tool, priced by program, not per head.**

From our grade for value for money

DISCOVER (PROGRAM)

$600

per year for 2 admin seats

For ongoing programs: unlimited volunteer records, shifts and jobs, 10,000 SMS a year in the US and Canada, reminders, CSV export and a volunteer mobile app.

GROW (PROGRAM)

$2,400

per year for 10 admin seats

For ongoing programs: everything in Discover plus 50,000 SMS a year and the higher-tier features the pricing table lists, such as hours tracking and applicant vetting.

ENTERPRISE (PROGRAM)

Custom

For ongoing programs: 50 admin seats and 100,000 SMS a year. Priced by contacting the vendor.

DISCOVER (EVENT)

$200

per event for 2 admin seats

For a single event, with 10,000 SMS a year in the US and Canada.

GROW (EVENT)

$800

per event for 10 admin seats

For a single event, with 50,000 SMS a year and the Grow feature set.

ENTERPRISE (EVENT)

$3,000

per event for 50 admin seats

For a single event, with 50 admin seats and 100,000 SMS a year.

Trying it first

Try it without a credit card; payment details are asked for only when you upgrade to a paid account.

Read from volunteerlocal.com on Nov 13, 2026.

What it does

Its main features, where it runs, what it works with and who makes it

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Places it runs: Web, iOS and Android

Volunteer shift signup and tracking for programs and events. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: calendar, forms, reports, shift scheduling.

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Jobs, shifts, passwordless sign-up, reminders, hours and CRM links.

From our grade for features

Jobs and shifts

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Sign up without a password

Volunteers can sign up for shifts without creating a password, and can also use an optional iOS or Android app to pick shifts, view their schedule and cancel.

Email and SMS reminders

Automated reminders, message templates and email and text messaging sit inside the platform, with annual SMS allowances by plan.

Hours and attendance

Five check-in methods are listed, including self check-in, QR codes scanned by the volunteer or by staff, and a kiosk.

Applications and screening

Registration forms, applicant vetting with status and qualification fields, waivers, and optional background screens that are charged per screen.

CRM integrations

The integrations page lists Salesforce, Little Green Light, DonorPerfect and NeonCRM.

Where it runs

Web · iOS · Android

What it works with

Salesforce · Little Green Light · DonorPerfect · NeonCRM

VolunteerLocal is made by VolunteerLocal.

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Where it stands

Its grades against its category, and whether to keep it or make your own

26/49

Other shift scheduling apps it is graded above

VolunteerLocal's GPA of 2.2 is higher than 26 of the 49 other shift scheduling apps we grade, and level with 7.

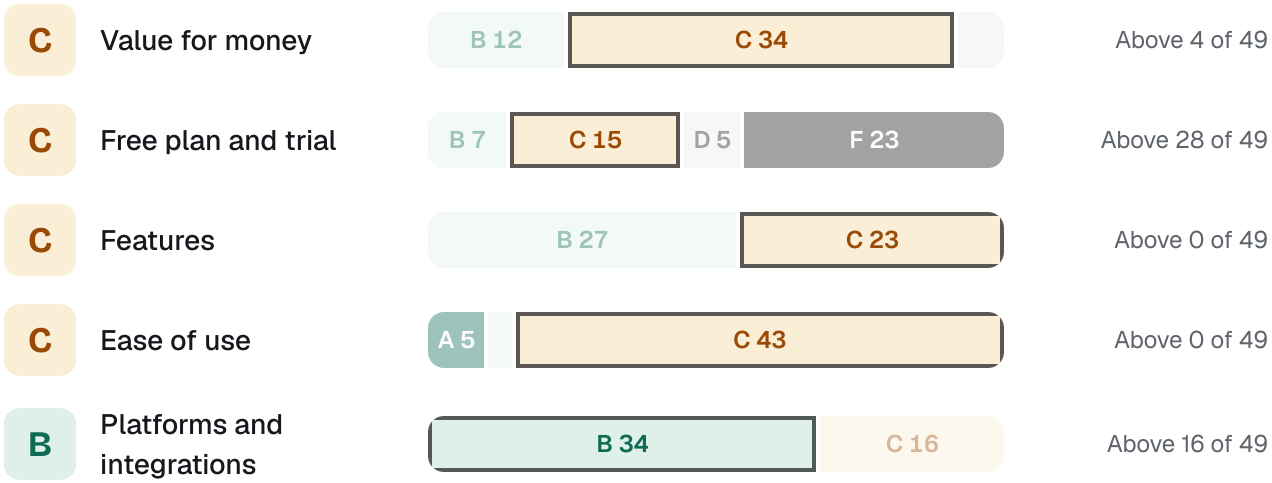
It stands best on platforms and integrations (B, above 16 of 49) and worst on features (C, above 0).

Its paid plans start at $50 a month when paid by the year, against a middle price of $16.76 for the category: 25 of the 28 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.3 out of 4. 12 tools score higher and cost less.

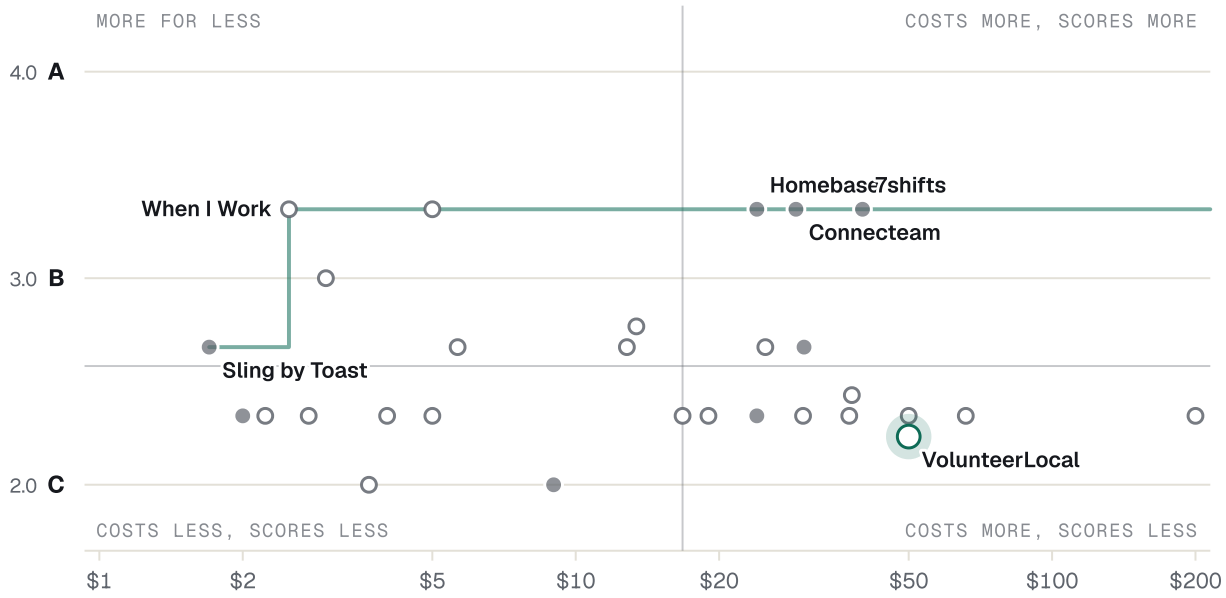
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 50 shift scheduling apps we grade, cut by the letter each got. VolunteerLocal's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 29 shift scheduling apps. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. VolunteerLocal is the marked dot.



What paid plans start at, a month (each step along is roughly double)

Keep it, or make your own?

Whether this is something you could build for yourself with an AI app builder, and what you would give up.

Keep it

The plain part of VolunteerLocal you could make: calendar, forms and reports. What surrounds it you could not. The 2 things listed below take a company, not a weekend.

It costs $600 a year.

What you could make

- Calendar, forms and reports: an app builder makes these well.

What you could not

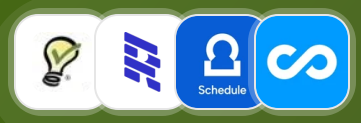
- A rota the whole staff sees on their phones, with swaps and alerts.

- A real app for iOS and Android. Something home-made would be a web page.

What this rests on. VolunteerLocal's listing: what it does, where it runs, what it plugs into and what it costs. It is a judgement about the kind of software this is. We have not built a replacement for it, and making your own means looking after it too. How we decide, and every tool's verdict.

The alternatives

The tools it is most often weighed against, side by side



SignUpGenius, Rosterfy, Humanity Schedule and Connecteam

The 4 tools VolunteerLocal is most often weighed against, with where each one differs from it.

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SignUpGenius

Free plan · from $8.99/mo

Online sign-up sheets for volunteers, events and group shifts.

- SignUpGenius has a free plan. VolunteerLocal does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only VolunteerLocal lists iOS and Android apps.
- VolunteerLocal also covers reports.

VolunteerLocal and SignUpGenius compared in full

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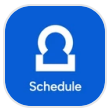
Rosterfy

Paid

Volunteer management and rostering for large programs and events.

- Only VolunteerLocal lists iOS and Android apps.
- VolunteerLocal also covers calendar and forms.
- Rosterfy also covers workflow automation and dashboards.

VolunteerLocal and Rosterfy compared in full



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Humanity Schedule

Free trial · from $2.75/mo

Employee scheduling with demand forecasting and compliance rules.

- VolunteerLocal also covers calendar and forms.
- Humanity Schedule also covers time clock and time off.

VolunteerLocal and Humanity Schedule compared in full



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Connecteam

Free plan · from $29/mo

Employee app for shifts, time clock, chat and HR, free up to 10 users.

- Connecteam has a free plan. VolunteerLocal does not, though it has a free trial.
- VolunteerLocal also covers calendar and reports.
- Connecteam also covers auto-scheduling, team chat, time clock and time off.

VolunteerLocal and Connecteam compared in full

Quick answers

The questions people ask about it, each answered in a line or two

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Questions, each answered in a line or two

The short version of everything above, for when you only need the answer. Each one is told in full in its part of the guide.

Is VolunteerLocal free?

No, VolunteerLocal is a paid product, but you can try it first. Try it without a credit card; payment details are asked for only when you upgrade to a paid account.

How much does VolunteerLocal cost?

VolunteerLocal lists 6 plans. Discover (program): $600 per year for 2 admin seats.

What platforms does VolunteerLocal work on?

VolunteerLocal is available on Web, iOS and Android.

Does VolunteerLocal have a Windows app?

No Windows app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. VolunteerLocal is listed for Web, iOS and Android.

Does VolunteerLocal have a macOS app?

No macOS app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. VolunteerLocal is listed for Web, iOS and Android.

Is VolunteerLocal open source?

VolunteerLocal is not described as open source on its own site, as read on Nov 13, 2026.

What does VolunteerLocal integrate with?

VolunteerLocal's listing names Salesforce, Little Green Light, DonorPerfect and NeonCRM.

Who makes VolunteerLocal?

VolunteerLocal is made by a company of the same name.

What are the alternatives to VolunteerLocal?

The closest alternatives to VolunteerLocal in our directory are SignUpGenius, Rosterfy, Humanity Schedule and Connecteam.

How does VolunteerLocal compare with other shift scheduling apps?

VolunteerLocal's GPA of 2.2 is higher than 26 of the 49 other shift scheduling apps we grade, and level with 7.

Is VolunteerLocal good value for money?

ToolGPA grades VolunteerLocal C for value for money. Its paid plans start at $50 a month when paid by the year, against a middle price of $16.76 for the category: 25 of the 28 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of VolunteerLocal?

The plain part of VolunteerLocal you could make: calendar, forms and reports.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from VolunteerLocal's own pages on Nov 13, 2026, and the grades were given on Nov 13, 2026. Graded from this listing, whose facts were read from VolunteerLocal's own pages on 13 November 2026. Not based on using the product, and shorter than our full reviews.

Every tool we list gets five grades, A to F, each with its reason, and a GPA that averages them. How each is decided is at toolgpa.com/grades. This guide is ToolGPA's own work; it is not made, paid for or approved by VolunteerLocal. Prices change, so check volunteerlocal.com before you buy.

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Tools graded, in 95 categories

ToolGPA grades software the way a school report grades a pupil: five subjects, a letter for each with the reason written beside it, and a GPA that averages them. Prices, plans and platforms are read from each maker's own pages and dated, so you always know how fresh a figure is.

Every grade, review and ranking on ToolGPA is our own judgement. No company can pay for a grade or change one. Every tool on the site has a guide like this one, free to download and pass on. It all lives at toolgpa.com.

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tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

VolunteerLocal, kept up to date

Everything in this guide, with prices and grades as they are today

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How grades are given

The rules behind every letter and every GPA

toolgpa.com/grades

Value charts

What each tool costs against what it scores, for every category

toolgpa.com/charts

Compare

Any two tools side by side, plan by plan

toolgpa.com/compare

Price changes

Every price rise and cut on record, each with its source

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Prices by country

What apps cost on the App Store in 12 countries

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Pay less

Every public discount: yearly billing, students, nonprofits

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Keep or make

Which tools are worth paying for, and which you could build yourself

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Every one of the 50 shift scheduling apps we grade, compared

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