# TFA LV Onboarding Blast

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Las Vegas

Actions, Highlights, and Resources

As a reminder, this is your corps member email blast that contains some of your **most critical due dates and action items**. Our goal for onboarding is to set you up for success and prepare you for your time with students, families, and the Las Vegas community. These emails are meant to keep you on track and provide you with clear and concise communication.

Please carefully review and complete each item below, one at a time.

In this email, you will find:

- Required Actions
- Highly Suggested Actions
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# **Required Actions**

#### 1. Upload Praxis Exam Registration and Scores <ongoing>

O In order for you to maintain your status as a corps member and teach in Las Vegas, you were asked to register for Praxis Exams by 1/27/23 and take Praxis Exams before 2/19/23. For how to register, which tests to take, and deadlines, please carefully review our <u>Regional Testing Guide</u>. Upon receiving scores, <u>update</u> <u>your status on this form</u>.

### 2. Complete Las Vegas Regional Pre-Learning <Part 1 due 2/8>

 Our region has intentionally designed this pre-learning to help lay the foundation of the work you will do over the summer, in your 2 year Corps commitment, and into alumni-hood.

Our regional Pre-Learning comes in three parts: Part 1 (due 2/8), Part 2 (due 3/2), and Part 3 (due 4/6/22).

Complete Part 1 of our Las Vegas Regional Pre-Learning before Las Vegas Family Webinar #1, where you will share some of your reflections!

### 3. Save the Date for NV Family Webinars <4 mandatory webinars, 90 mins. each>

 Las Vegas Families is our way of building community with you before you even arrive in Las Vegas! It also helps us give you the information and skills you need to be an awesome Corps Member for students. Check out our mandatory Webinar dates below:

Webinar #1: Wednesday, 2/8/23 at 5:00-6:30 PM PST

JOIN WEBINAR #1 on 2/8 at 5PM PST

by clicking <u>HERE</u> PW: LVFamily

Webinar #2: Wednesday, 3/1/23 at 5:00-6:30 PM PST Webinar #3: Wednesday, 4/12/23 at 5:00-6:30 PM PST Webinar #4: Wednesday, 5/10/23 at 5:00-6:30 PM PST

### 4. Understanding Your Financial Transition to the Corps <ASAP, 5 mins.>

 As you have committed to making significant transitions in order to join us in this work, our commitment back to you is to help make this transition as smooth as possible. The foundation of our help is the Transitional Financial Support stipend. To build on this foundation, we created three trainings to support you

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in the financial journey you are undertaking. <u>Join Molly Rhodes</u>, <u>Director of Corps Member Finances</u>, to hear more about TFA's financial support and the trainings you will complete as part of your TFA Onboarding in Docebo.

### 5. Save the Dates for Pre-Service Training <immediate, 2 min. action>

- O May 31-June 3: Completion of fingerprinting and certification requirements in Las Vegas
- June 8-23: Full time virtual training (there will also be several part-time responsibilities throughout the month of May)
- June 23: All corps members need to have moved to Las Vegas
- O June 26-July 14: Summer teaching practicum experience
- July 17: Charter School(s) start date (varies)
- July 26: Clark County School District start date

# **Highly Suggested Actions**

### 1. Navigate the Onboarding Hub <highly suggested>

 Explore our Onboarding Hub and learn all about what you can expect throughout the next months of onboarding. From a personalized timeline to a budget planner, plan ahead for the Corps Experience and familiarize yourself with the steps to becoming a 2023 Corps Member.

#### **TFA LV Onboarding Hub**

### 2. Apply for FAFSA < highly suggested>

Apply for federal aid to help cover the up front costs of tuition at UNLV (our graduate school and ARL provider). You can explore and complete the application by visiting the <u>FAFSA Website here</u>.

Please note that Teach For America can not act as a financial advisor.

# TFA Las Vegas Important Resources

- → Regional Offer Guide
- → Regional Testing Guide
- → TFA Las Vegas Onboarding Hub

### Rooted in Las Vegas



In downtown Las Vegas, the sidewalks have been engraved with poems from local poets. The Third Street Poetry Project, unveiled by



On Saturday, 1/21, our TFA Las Vegas corps celebrated well-being with a Wellness Day. Our corps members enjoyed gratitude journaling, yoga, mini-facials, and puppy cuddles! Teaching is hard work, and we love to treat our corps members to a day of relaxation.

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the City of Las Vegas on March 21, 2021, features works from 10 Las Vegas poets. See more <a href="here">here</a> and get ready to discover all the local art in this community.

Thank you for your attention to these important action items! Have Questions? Feel free to reach out to me!



My name is Amanda Hayden, Director of Onboarding & Rooted in Las Vegas. I will be your point of contact for any questions you might have throughout your onboarding process. I was born and raised here in Las Vegas, and I am a 4th generation Las Vegas local (can you believe it?). I graduated with my undergraduate degree from the University of Arizona, and I came back home to complete my corps experience as a high school English teacher. My experience as a CM was incredible, and I hope to help make yours the same.

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