



Court Appointed Special Advocates

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VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone (home): _____ (work): _____

Cell Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Have you ever lived outside Texas? Yes No

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Place of Birth: _____

Marital Status: Single Married

If presently married, give husband/wife's name and occupation:

Name: _____

Occupation: _____

| Children's Name | Date of Birth | Gender |
|-----------------|---------------|--------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |

Do you drive? Yes No

Do you have an automobile available to you? Yes No

How would you describe your health? Excellent Good Fair Poor

Do you take any medication on a regular basis? If so, please give the name of the medication and what it is used for. _____

Your Education: (Please Circle highest completed)

High School: 9 10 11 12 College: 1 2 3 4 Graduate: 1 2 3 4

Major/Degree: _____

Are you presently enrolled in school? Yes No

WORK HISTORY

1. Name and address of current or previous employer:

 Dates: From ___/___/___ To ___/___/___ Supervisor's Name: _____

Brief Description of work: _____

List your other current or past community activities and membership in clubs, churches, other organizations:

Languages Spoken: _____

Volunteers typically put in 10-15 hours per month on their case. They are able to work most of their case after hours and on the weekends. However, a volunteer may have a court hearing every 3 to 4 months. Hearings usually last 1-2 hours during the weekday. A Volunteer is notified of the date and time in advance, and is encouraged to attend these hearings during the day with their CASA Supervisor. Would your employer allow you to attend your court hearings? Yes No

Please explain: _____

Do you have any formal training or work experience in any of the following?

| | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Clerical | Mental Health | Counseling |
| Psychology | Child Development | Drug/Alcohol programs |
| Child Care | Child Welfare | Social Work |
| Education | Criminology | Law Enforcement |
| News Media | Writing | Advertising |
| Public Speaking | Other _____ | |

If you answered yes, please describe: _____

Are you available to complete 30 hours of initial volunteer training? Yes No

Most of our children are placed in foster homes, group homes or residential treatment centers out of Denton County. Can you see yourself visiting a child in one of these placements? Yes No

There are some cases where the family is still involved in the case. Can you see yourself interacting with the child's family? Yes No

CASA of Denton County provides ongoing training for their volunteers throughout the year. Advocates are required to complete 12 hours of continuing education per year. Are you willing to attend 12 hours of ongoing training per year?

Yes No

Have you OR an immediate family member ever been convicted of or charged with a crime against another person? Yes No

If yes, please briefly describe the circumstances of your, or your family members, conviction or charges indicating date, nature, and place of the offense and disposition of the case. Your answer is looked upon as only one of the factors considered in the volunteer decision and is evaluated in terms of the nature, severity and date of the offense and its relation to volunteer activities. (Use additional pages if needed)

Any applicant found to have been convicted of, or having charges pending for a felony or misdemeanor involving a sex offense, child abuse or neglect, or related acts that would pose risks to children or the CASA Program's credibility is not accepted as a CASA volunteer.

Have you had personal experience involving any of the following:
(Please discuss)

1. Child Protective Services as either a parent or professional:

2. Courts/Legal Experience:

3. Drug/Alcohol Use/Abuse:

4. Psychotherapy/Counseling:

5. Foster Care:

6. Child abuse (emotional, sexual, physical, neglect):

How did you learn about the CASA program?

| | | |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Family | Internet | Texas/ National CASA: _____ |
| Friend | Presentation | Media Source: _____ |
| Booth/ Display | Speaker | Fundraiser |
| Internship | Agency Referral | Other: _____ |

Please tell us why you want to become a CASA advocate: _____

PERSONAL REFERENCES

(RELATIVES CANNOT BE USED AS REFERENCES. **Please fill out completely!**)

1. Name: _____ Email: _____
Address/City/State/Zip: _____
Fax # (if applicable): _____ Relationship: _____
2. Name: _____ Email: _____
Address/City/State/Zip: _____
Fax # (if applicable): _____ Relationship: _____
3. Name: _____ Email: _____
Address/City/State/Zip: _____
Fax # (if applicable): _____ Relationship: _____
4. Name: _____ Email: _____
Address/City/State/Zip: _____
Fax # (if applicable): _____ Relationship: _____

APPLICATION AND RELEASE

I, _____, hereby affirm that all of the answers provided on my volunteer application are true. I hereby authorize the CASA of Denton County program to investigate my background to determine my fitness as a potential volunteer. This includes contacting references provided by me, conducting a criminal background check and a child abuse registry check through the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services.

I understand that the information requested in this application will be used only for the purpose of determining suitability as a CASA volunteer. Further, I understand that after the successful completion of my training, I will be expected to serve a minimum of one year in the CASA program. If unforeseen circumstances prevent me from fulfilling this obligation, I will submit my written resignation to the Program Director with as much advance notice as possible. The first six months of my participation in the CASA program will be considered probationary.

I am aware of the sensitive and confidential nature of the official documents, reports and other material I will examine in my capacity as a volunteer. I will discuss these matters only with those persons directly involved in the case, or who will be consulted for their professional knowledge and expertise.

I further understand that knowledge gained through volunteer service at CASA of Denton County may not be used for personal profit, profit for friends or family, to obtain a child for adoption, or for any other personal gain or benefit.

CASA of Denton County, Inc. policies and CASA standards including those in the CASA volunteer advocate policy handbook must be honored. CASA staff members may issue additional, reasonable volunteer work rules, if such are required.

I understand that falsification of any information hereby given will invalidate my participation with CASA of Denton County.

Signature

Date

Congratulations, you have completed the application!

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to complete the CASA of Denton County volunteer application. We look forward to working with you!

Please include the following with your application:

1. Make sure your reference information is completely filled out including **4** references and complete contact information.
2. The Central Registry background check form.
3. The Criminal background check form.

We will also include copies of your current driver's license and your current automobile insurance in your file. These copies can be made in person at the CASA office at the time of your volunteer interview. If you have an out-of-state driver's license, please be aware that we will need a copy of your Texas License prior to assigning you to a case.

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