



CASA of Sonoma County
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Volunteer Application

Thank you for your interest in the welfare of the children of our county.

Please Type or Print:

 Name (Last) (First) (Middle)

 AKA (Maiden Names, etc.) Social Security Number Date of Birth

 Address (Street) (City) (Zip)

 Home Phone Work Phone Cell Phone E-Mail and Website

 How long in California? Ethnic Background Foreign Languages

 Emergency Contact Name/Relationship Phone/Contact Number

 Your occupation/employer Are you retired?

 Employer Address (Street) (City) (Zip) (Email/Website)

 How long? Description of Work

 Hours Worked Days Off

 Education or Special Training

 Service Groups, Professional Memberships

Please list employment for the last ten years or attach a resume if available.

Please list any experiences, hobbies, skills, recreational activities, or skills meaningful to youth.

Driver's License Number

Issuing State

Expiration Date

Do you have access to a car?

Insurance Provider (Please provide a copy of coverage)

Have you ever been convicted on any criminal charges?

Yes

No

If yes, give details in the space provided below. List all cases without exception:
(Use the back or attach a page if needed.)

Date of Offense

Age Then

Charge

City/State

Disposition

Please list the names of **three** people who will provide Letters of Recommendation (requested by you).

List **three** local references (exclude those who are providing Letters of Recommendation.) These individuals may, or may not be contacted.

Name

Address (with Zip)

Phone

Relationship

Have you had any previous personal work or volunteer experiences that you feel are appropriate to share with the CASA program?

Have you had any previous exposure to children who have been abused?

How do you feel about people who abuse children?

What do you see as your strengths in becoming a friend of an abused child?

What do you see as your weaknesses in becoming a friend of an abused child?

Please list any computer, office support, or internet skills you may have (i.e. Word Processing, software programs you are familiar with, databases, etc.)

Do you have a profile or personal web page on any social networking websites such as: Facebook, Google +, My Space, Twitter, Yahoo, Classmates, LinkedIn or other social media site? Please list all.

Please note that if you do have a personal website or social media page, you may reference the CASA program but may not make any mention of CASA youth once you are assigned. Thank you!

Do you back up your computer documents? Yes _____ No _____. If yes, please explain.

Would you be interested in helping out in the office?

_____ Yes _____ No

Do you have any public speaking experience?

Please provide CASA with a (required) summary of your motives and reasons for wanting to become a child advocate. If you need additional space, please attach an extra page to the application.



I declare under penalty of perjury that the information I have provided in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct.

I understand that to become a CASA volunteer I will be required to complete a 32-38 hour training program that will include courtroom and site observations, in addition to mandatory 60-day case review sessions. I understand that 12 additional hours of continuing education will be conducted each year to refine and update my skills. I understand that CASA is a private nonprofit organization and that from time to time I might be called upon to help out in community activities and fundraisers. I will be asked to make at least a two-year commitment and in some cases longer, depending on the case I am assigned to. At the completion of the training I will become a sworn officer of the court and be assigned to a dependent or ward of the juvenile court system of Sonoma County.

I understand that by submitting this application, I am authorizing inquiries to be made concerning my suitability as a CASA volunteer. This will include National and State Child Abuse Index Registry, DMV, DOJ and FBI fingerprints clearance to review any past criminal record, including child protective services and sex offenses; First Advantage Social Security screening for identity and number verification. I concur that the CASA program may conduct this investigation. The information requested in this application and such as may otherwise be obtained will be used only for the purpose of determining suitability as a volunteer.

I understand that the CASA program rejects any applicant who is unwilling to submit to the required screening procedures, and 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. I furthermore agree to keep the program apprised of any status changes in my driver's record or legal circumstances after having been accepted as a CASA Volunteer. Although there may be circumstances that include rehabilitation or issues that need explanation, the Executive Director will take these considerations into account and make all final determinations. All information will be held in confidence. All applicants will be treated with dignity, respect and, if appropriate, referred to the volunteer services center for alternative opportunities.

I understand that all electronic devices/services I use must abide by, and hold high all confidentially standards to protect the youth that the CASA program serves. I.e. social media services and/or off site computer back-up systems.

Criteria used in the selection of volunteers will be such as to ensure that the individual is able to meet the responsibilities of the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). No individual will be rejected because of race, color, religious creed, national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation or disability.

Applicant's Signature

Date

If accepted into training, it will be most helpful if you would please be prepared to bring the following documents to the first day of training. You may also provide them to the office prior to the beginning of the training session.

- 1. Completed application, signed and therefore allowing us to start the screening process via the National and State Child Abuse Index Registry, DMV, DOJ and FBI fingerprints and First Advantage Social Security screening.**
- 2. Copy of your current driver license.**
- 3. Copy of a current proof of auto insurance.**
- 4. Request three letters of recommendation.**
- 5. A recent photo of yourself that we may keep on file (electronic photo is accepted).**
- 6. DOJ and FBI Fingerprints through the Sheriff's Department, CASA office will provide you a form and instructions.**
- 7. A recently issued copy of your complete driver record (please make sure you request a complete record).**