

EMPLOYMENT

EMPLOYED BY (if employed)

Address *City* *State* *Zip*

May you be called at work? yes _____ no _____ years at this job _____

Position _____

EDUCATION

Formal Education (highest year completed) _____

Are you presently attending school? _____ Yes _____ No

Do you speak a foreign language? no ___ if yes, what language _____

ACTIVITIES

Current community activities/volunteer work _____

Experience working with children (please describe) _____

AUTOMOBILE

Do you drive? _____ Yes _____ No Do you have access to a car? _____ Yes _____ No

Name of insurer _____ Lisc. No. _____ State _____

AVAILABILITY

Are you willing to commit to 18 months of volunteer service? _____ Yes _____ No

As a CASA volunteer you will be required to attend court hearings for the children you represent.

Will you be able to arrange your schedule to attend these hearings? _____ Yes _____ No

EXPERIENCE

Have you had any personal experience involving any of the following (if yes, explain briefly):

Court system Yes No _____

Child Abuse Yes No _____

Foster Care Yes No _____

Special Populations Yes No _____
(e.g. disabled)

Substance Abuse Yes No _____

Services for Children Yes No _____

Domestic Violence Yes No _____

ESSAY QUESTIONS:

Please feel free to combine these issues into one essay if you choose. Answer on a separate sheet of paper.

Why do you want to become a CASA volunteer?

What do you hope to get out of this volunteer experience?

What experience or knowledge of children and families do you have to assist you in determining what may be in a child's best interest? (i.e. parenting, child care, etc.)

Briefly explain what role you believe society should play in protecting the rights of children.

APPLICANT AUTHORIZATION FOR BACKGROUND CHECKS

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 eligible to be a CASA volunteer.

I, _____ hereby affirm that all of the answers provided on my volunteer application are true. I certify that I have had no involvement with the Department of Social Services or any equivalent child protective/welfare agency in any State of the United States or any Country. I hereby authorize Friends of Children Inc. CASA Program to investigate my background to determine my fitness as a potential volunteer. This will include a CORI check and a check of DSS records.

I understand that the information requested in this application will be used only for the purpose of determining my suitability as a CASA volunteer. Further, I understand that completion of training does not guarantee that I will be assigned a case. If I have successfully completed the training and have met all other requirements, and it has been determined that I am a suitable volunteer, I understand that I will be expected to serve a minimum of eighteen months 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. 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 CASA 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 also understand that if for any reason it becomes apparent that my activities are contrary to the policies, goals and /or philosophy of the CASA program, and their desire to provide quality services to abused and neglected children, my services as a CASA volunteer will be terminated.

I submit the statements on this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsifications on this application can disqualify me from consideration or can result in dismissal at a later time.

Applicant’s Signature

Date

CASA of Franklin/Hampshire County Criminal Records Check Policy

All applicants that are chosen to participate in an interview will be expected to submit a Criminal Offense Records Investigation (CORI) and Department of Social Services Registry Check. At the time of the interview, CASA Staff will request your signature on a release of information to conduct the CORI and DSS Registry Check. Any applicant found to have been involved with DSS and/or 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 a risk to children or the CASA program’s credibility is not accepted as a CASA Volunteer.

CASA is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Organization

REFERENCES

List three people who can give information about your background, character, abilities, etc. (Relatives/spouses may not be used as references.) Please print clearly.

Name: _____

Full address including zip: _____

Phone number: _____

Relationship: _____

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