

Crawford County CASA Volunteer Application Form

Personal

Name _____
First
Middle
Maiden
Last

Social Security No. _____

Home Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Phone Number _____

Email address _____ Cell Phone _____

Person to notify in emergency _____

Relationship _____ Phone Number _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

What County do you live in? _____ How long have you lived there? _____

Please list places of residence for the past 10 years (use back of page if additional space is needed)

City	County	State	Years lived there

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Ethnicity:
 ___ African-American ___ Hispanic ___ Caucasian ___ Native American ___ Other _____

Can you think of any reason a Judge may be reluctant to appoint you to a case? ___ Yes ___ No. If yes, please explain: _____

How did you hear about out CASA program? _____

Marital Status: ___ Single ___ Married ___ Divorced ___ Widowed

Please list all persons living in your home (use back of page if additional space is needed)

Name	Relationship	Age	Place of Employment

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Number of Children _____			
	Name	Age	

Have you ever entered a treatment program relating to admitted incidents of child physical, emotional, or sexual abuse that was **committed** by you? ___Yes ___No

Have you ever been investigated by a child welfare agency for abuse and/or neglect?
 ___Yes ___No. If yes, please explain: _____

Have you personally experienced abuse or neglect as a child? ___Yes ___No If yes, please explain what you have done to recover from it and how you believe it may affect how you work with children who have been abused.

CRIMINAL HISTORY

In accordance with Standards set by National CASA, Crawford County CASA will conduct Social Security number Verification, National Sex Offending Registry Check, Child Abuse and Criminal Clearance, and a FBI clearance check. Do you have any reason why Crawford County CASA should not do so? Yes___ No___

An applicant having a charge or conviction for a crime involving a sex offense or child abuse or neglect is disqualified as a CASA volunteer. Applicants with other misdemeanor or felony charges or convictions that would not pose a risk to children or negatively impact the credibility of the CASA Program will be considered on a case by case basis considering the time passed since the incident and the level of rehabilitation.

Have you ever been arrested for a crime? Yes___ No___
 If yes, what was the charge? _____

Date of Arrest/Disposition: _____ County: _____ State: _____

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Current Employer _____

Address _____

City/State _____

May you be contacted at work? ___Yes ___No

Brief description of work _____

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Employer	Dates Employed	Supervisors Name	Telephone Number

EDUCATION (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 _____

If yes, name of school and course study: _____

Will receive academic credit for your volunteer work? ____Yes ____No

Do you speak a foreign language? ____Yes ____No

If yes, which language(s) _____

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Do you have experience and/or training in any of the following? (Please check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Medicine	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mental Health	<input type="checkbox"/>	Criminology
<input type="checkbox"/>	Counseling	<input type="checkbox"/>	Law Enforcement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Psychology	<input type="checkbox"/>	Advertising or Public Relations
<input type="checkbox"/>	Child Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	News/Media
<input type="checkbox"/>	Writing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Child Care
<input type="checkbox"/>	Child Welfare	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Speaking
<input type="checkbox"/>	Drug/Alcohol Treatment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Work
<input type="checkbox"/>	Art or Graphics	<input type="checkbox"/>	Practice of Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other		

Briefly describe the items that you checked on the Skills and Interests listed above:

AVAILABILITY

When would you be available for volunteer service and/or training? Check Times

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning							
Afternoon							
Evening							

Are you willing to commit to one year of volunteer service? ____Yes ____No

How many hours per week are you available? _____

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

Do you drive? ____Yes ____No Do you have access to a car? ____Yes ____No

REFERENCES

Please provide three references in the following section. You should know these individuals for at least one year, through your work, volunteer service, or academics. One may be a personal reference, excluding a family member.

Three References

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Relationship _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Relationship _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Relationship _____

ESSAY QUESTIONS. Your Application will not be considered complete until all essay questions have been answered. Please answer on a separate piece of paper in paragraph form where applicable.

1. Why do you want to become a CASA volunteer?
2. How did you learn about the CASA program?
3. What do you hope to get out of the volunteer experience?
4. Briefly explain your philosophy of parenting, including the rights and responsibilities of both parents and children.
5. List current and previous volunteer work. Please include the name and telephone number of the person who supervised your volunteer position.
6. Briefly explain what role you believe society should play in protecting the rights of children and helping a family overcome hardship and remain living together as one unit.
7. 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, childcare, etc.)
8. Do you have any experience with social services agencies as a staff person, foster parent, volunteer, or client? If, yes please describe.
9. Describe any strong interest, knowledge areas, hobbies or special skills that you could offer as a volunteer.
10. List civic organizations to which you belong.
11. Please write a short autobiography (1 page or less)

Affirmation and Release of Information for Background Check

Any applicant found to have been convicted of or having charges pending for a felony or misdemeanor involving a sex offence, 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.

Further, I hereby authorize CASA and law enforcement agency CASA authorizes, to investigate my background to determine my fitness as a potential volunteer.

I further authorize the Department of Public Welfare and the Pennsylvania State Police to conduct a record check and to release the results of said record checks to the Crawford County CASA Program. I understand that the information requested in the 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 one year in the CASA program. That year begins on the date of my swearing in by the President Judge. 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 who will be consulted for their professional knowledge and expertise.

I understand that in order to be assigned a case I must complete training and all paperwork including: Application, references, clearances and I am sworn in by the President Judge.

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

I have read the above waiver and release statement and fully understand what rights I am waiving by signing this document.

I attest to the fact that I have never been charged or convicted of child abuse including sexual, emotional, or physical; neglect; or any other crime against a child. I attest to the fact that I have been convicted of no other crimes, except as listed.

CHARGE/CONVICTION

Your Signature _____

Date _____