

Lee County CASA
"A Program of Twin Cedars Youth & Family Services, Inc."
CASA Volunteer Application



Personal Information

Name: _____ Date of Application: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

MAIDEN Name/Alias: _____ Social Security #: _____

Marital Status: Single Married Divorced Widow

Gender: Male Female Ethnicity: Non-Hispanic or Latino Hispanic Latino

Driver's License #: _____ State: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Current Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

County of residence: _____ How long have you resided at this address: Years: _____ Months: _____

Prior Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

County: _____ Dates at this this Address: From _____ To _____

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County: _____ Dates at this this Address: From _____ To _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Please list all persons living in your home:

Name: _____ Age _____ Relationship _____

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Emergency Contact Information:

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Education:

- GED High School Grad Some College 2 yr. Degree 4 yr. Degree Post Grad

High School _____ Year Graduated _____ City/State _____

College _____ Year Graduated _____ Major _____

Employment:

- Full Time Part Time Not Employed Retired Seeking Employment Student

Name of Employer: _____ Job Title: _____

Briefly describe your work duties: _____

May we contact your employer for a reference? Yes No Supervisor: _____

How long have you been employed at this job? Years _____ Months _____ Supervisor's Phone: _____

Past Employment: _____ Dates: _____

Reason for leaving: _____

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Skills, Training and Volunteer Experience

List any foreign language or sign language skills: _____

Check any training or experience (salaried or volunteer) in any of the following categories:

(NOTE: None is required to be a CASA Volunteer.)

- Child care Child development Child welfare Social work Mental health Drug/alcohol treatment programs

- Counseling/psychology Education Medical Profession Personnel Legal/Attorney Law Enforcement

- News/Media Advertising/ Public Relations Fund Raising Public Speaking Writing/editing Arts/graphics

- Other _____

Briefly describe any above experiences or skills: _____

Do you currently volunteer in any capacity? Yes No Where: _____

How did you hear about our CASA Program? _____

List strengths/skills you would bring to your CASA work: _____

History

Have you ever been contacted by DHR/child protective service agency? Yes No County: _____ State: _____

Are you currently or have you been a foster care provider? Yes No County: _____ State: _____

Have you ever been involved in a relationship that included Domestic Violence? Yes No County: _____ State: _____

Do you have any history with a Juvenile Court system? Yes No County: _____ State: _____

Have you received alcohol or substance abuse treatment? Yes No County: _____ State: _____

Have you received mental health counseling or treatment? Yes No County: _____ State: _____

Have you or any member of your immediate family been a party to any proceedings in the Juvenile or Domestic Relations Courts (divorce, custody, child support) in Lee County, Alabama? Yes No Active Pending Settled

Do you have any history with Agencies offering services to children? Yes No Name of Agency _____

If you have checked "Yes" to any of the above, please explain the circumstances and year(s): _____

Criminal History

Have you been convicted of a violation of the law other than a minor traffic offense? Yes No County/State: _____

Have you been arrested and/or convicted of a misdemeanor? Yes No County/State: _____

Have you been arrested and/or convicted of a felony? Yes No County/State: _____

Have any of these arrest involved children? Yes No County/State: _____

Have any of these arrest involved domestic violence? Yes No County/State: _____

Please list any arrest and/or convictions including the charge, date, county/state and disposition:

References

Please provide four names to be used as Professional References. Two of the references you should know professionally through your work, volunteer service, or academics. Two of the references may be a personal reference, EXCLUDING family members. Completed Written Reference Forms must be returned to the CASA office PRIOR to being sworn in.

1. Name: _____ 2. Name: _____
Address: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Phone: _____
Relationship: _____ Relationship: _____
Email: _____ Email: _____

3. Name: _____ 4. Name: _____
Address: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Phone: _____
Relationship: _____ Relationship: _____
Email: _____ Email: _____

Discussion Questions

1. Please write a short autobiography. Include information about your childhood, current family and current lifestyle, such as career, hobbies and interest. Include any experiences that have changed your life (abuse/neglect, loss of a loved one, alcohol/drug use, domestic violence etc.).

Continue on a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

2. List examples of child abuse and neglect. Identify factors that you feel contribute to child abuse and neglect.

3. When a child is abuse or neglected by a parent, what role do you believe society should play in protecting the child? Consider your answers in Question 2.

4. Discuss why you want to be a CASA volunteer.

AFFIRMATION AND RELEASE

I, _____, hereby affirm that all of the answers provided on my volunteer application are true. I understand that the information requested will be used only for the purpose of determining my suitability as a Court Appointed Special Advocate. I understand that this application does not ensure appointment as a CASA volunteer. I understand that completion of training does not guarantee that I will be assigned a case. After successful completion of my training, I further understand that 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 a written resignation to the program director with as much advance notice as possible.

I am aware that I will be examining sensitive, confidential documents, reports and other material in my capacity as a CASA volunteer. I will discuss these matters only with those persons directly involved in the case at the Court or those who will be consulted for their professional knowledge or expertise. I will not divulge this confidential information to anyone else.

I hereby authorize CASA and any law enforcement agency or other appropriate agency to receive any criminal history record information and state central registry information pertaining to me, which may be in files of any federal, state or local criminal justice agency in the United States, and to investigate my background to determine my fitness as a potential volunteer. This information may be requested and be received on a continual basis during the period of time that I am an active volunteer for the CASA program.

I certify that the answers given in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge, and understand that if accepted into the program as a volunteer, any false or misleading statements on this application shall be grounds for dismissal.

Please complete the following information needed for background checks:

Full Name

Home Address

City

State

Zip

Sex

Date of Birth: month/day/year

Social Security Number

African-American Asian Caucasian Hispanic Other: _____

Signature

Date