

# CASA of Champaign County

## Volunteer Application



# CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates

**FOR CHILDREN**

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Please complete and return to:

CASA of Champaign County

154C Lincoln Square

Urbana, IL 61801-3338

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME:	EMAIL:	
ADDRESS:	CITY/STATE/ZIP:	PHONE: h) w) c)
EMERGENCY CONTACT:	RELATIONSHIP:	PHONE:
ADDRESS:	CITY/STATE/ZIP:	

## INFORMATION FOR BACKGROUND CHECK

SOCIAL SECURITY#:	DATE OF BIRTH:	DRIVERS LICENSE #:
		STATE ISSUED:

## EMPLOYMENT

EMPLOYER:	MAY WE CONTACT YOU AT WORK? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	PHONE:
ADDRESS:	CITY/STATE:	ZIP CODE:

**Write a brief description of your work:**

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## **EDUCATION**

Highest year of school completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you presently attending school:  Yes  No

Do you speak a language other than English:  Yes  No

If yes, which language: \_\_\_\_\_

## **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

List your current and previous volunteer work:

## **AVAILABILITY**

Are you willing to commit to two years of volunteer service:  Yes  No

How many hours per week are you available? \_\_\_\_\_

What days and hours of the weeks are you available? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have access to a car:  Yes  No

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

With sufficient lead time, will you be able to arrange your schedule to attend these hearings:

Yes  No

## **REFERENCES**

*Please list no more than one family member*

NAME	ADDRESS/CITY/STATE/ZIP	PHONE
1) _____	_____	_____
2) _____	_____	_____
3) _____	_____	_____

## **CRIMINAL HISTORY**

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or child abuse/neglect?  Yes  No

If yes, what charge? \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been the subject of an Indicated Report of child abuse/neglect?  Yes  No

*As part of the application process, you will be required to submit to a background check which will include a check of the Child Abuse and Neglect Tracking System (CANTS) and the Law Enforcement Agency Data System (LEADS).*

## **ESSAY QUESTIONS**

**How did you learn about the CASA program?**

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**Why are you interested in becoming a CASA Volunteer?**

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**What do you hope to gain from this experience?**

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## **ESSAY QUESTIONS (cont'd)**

**What do you consider the top 4 parental responsibilities and why?**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you believe society has a responsibility in protecting the rights of children and helping families overcome hardships in order to remain together as a family unit?**

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**What experience or knowledge of children and families do you have that will assist you in determining what may be in a child's best interests? (parenting, child care, etc.)**

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**Briefly describe any experience you have had with social service agencies as a staff person, foster parent, volunteer or client:**

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## **ESSAY QUESTIONS (cont'd)**

**Describe any strong interests, knowledge areas, hobbies or special skills that you could offer as a volunteer:**

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# **Authorization for Background Check**

Any applicant 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 to 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 hereby authorize the CASA program and any law enforcement agency they authorize, to investigate my background to determine my fitness as a potential volunteer.

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 ability 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 falsification on this application can disqualify me from consideration or can result in dismissal at a later time.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

