



**THE WOMEN'S CENTER, INC.  
VOLUNTEER/INTERN APPLICATION**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ (Direct Service Volunteers must be 18 years or older)

RACE \_\_\_\_\_

The Women's Center, Inc.'s Volunteer Program offers opportunities in three areas. Please check next to the areas in which you are interested in volunteering.

**Domestic Violence/Shelter Program**

\_\_\_\_\_ Desk Volunteer (*intakes & crisis hotline*)      \_\_\_\_\_ Case Management Volunteer

\_\_\_\_\_ Children's Program Volunteer      \_\_\_\_\_ Legal Advocate Volunteer

\_\_\_\_\_ Intern Position

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify interests): \_\_\_\_\_

**Rape Crisis Services**

\_\_\_\_\_ Rape Crisis Volunteer (Crisis hotline)      \_\_\_\_\_ Legal Advocate Volunteer

\_\_\_\_\_ Prevention Education/Sexual Assault Awareness Volunteer

\_\_\_\_\_ Intern Position      \_\_\_\_\_ Community Outreach

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify interests): \_\_\_\_\_

**Indirect Services**

\_\_\_\_\_ Non-Direct Volunteer ( Fundraising, Donation Room, Event Prep, Clerical work, Etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Member of The Women's Center Board of Directors

\_\_\_\_\_ Member of a Committee of the Board of Directors



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Your answers to the items on this application will not determine whether or not you will be chosen as a volunteer/intern for The Women's Center, Inc. Rather, they will simply provide a starting point for us to get to know you and for you to get an idea of some of the issues we work with at The Women's Center.

Do you have a valid driver's license? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
 Do you have access to a vehicle? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
 Do you have automobile insurance? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
 Do you have liability insurance? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**The Women's Center will run DCFS and police background checks if you attend training.**

Have you ever been arrested (prior arrest and conviction will not necessarily disqualify a volunteer applicant)? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_  
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How long do you plan to reside in the area? \_\_\_\_\_

Your usual schedule leaves you free: Days \_\_\_\_\_ Nights \_\_\_\_\_ Weekends \_\_\_\_\_

Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Occupational Status: Full Time \_\_\_\_\_ Part Time \_\_\_\_\_ Unemployed \_\_\_\_\_

Student Status: Full Time \_\_\_\_\_ Part Time \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Formal Education:**

*Circle number of years completed*

High School: 1    2    3    4    Graduated: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

GED Certificate: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

College: 0    1    2    3    4    Graduated: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced Degrees/Majors: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Volunteer Experience:**

Have you ever done volunteer work? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes, please list organizations, phone numbers, and duties performed:

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**REFERENCES:**

(List names, addresses, and phone numbers)

Present Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Former Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Character Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please answer each of the following questions. There are no right or wrong answers. Read all of the questions first before you begin. Feel free to continue on the back or add a sheet.

1. Please describe what your thoughts and feeling are when you become aware of violent crimes against women, children, and other vulnerable populations?
2. Why do you want to become a volunteer at The Women's Center, Inc.?
3. Discuss the strengths and/or skills you feel you would bring to The Women's Center, Inc.



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4. What skills do you hope to gain by being a volunteer of The Women's Center?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. The Women's Center, Inc. places much emphasis on commitment. Discuss your feelings about commitment in terms of time, meetings, etc.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. How do you perceive your role as a crisis or non-crisis counselor with a victim of violence?

**The Women's Center, Inc.'s Philosophy of Service is as stated below. It is very important for volunteers to maintain this philosophy while representing our programs.**

The Women's Center, Inc. promotes social change through people helping people as peers.

- A feminist counseling approach is utilized.
- We believe in providing as much information and support as possible to individuals who seek our assistance, and in allowing a client to make their own decisions.
- We are pro-choice in all aspects of women's rights.
- We perform our services without making judgments and without bias.
- Our advocacy is on behalf of the survivor of violence as guided by and centered on the survivor themselves.
- All services are confidential.
- There is never a charge for services to survivors of violence.

7. Do you feel you are able to adhere to this philosophy in your role as a volunteer/intern with The Women's Center, Inc.?



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