

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

DATE _____

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE (HOME) _____ (WORK) _____ (CELL) _____

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

The Women's Center, Inc.'s Volunteer Program offers opportunities in three areas:

Shelter Program (Domestic Violence Services)

Rape Crisis Services

Indirect services (clerical assistance, service projects, etc.).

****Please check next to the areas in which you are interested in volunteering.**

SHELTER PROGRAM:

_____ Desk Volunteer (receptionist, crisis hotline)

_____ Children's Program Volunteer

_____ Other (please specify interests): _____

RAPE CRISIS SERVICES:

_____ Rape Crisis Volunteer

_____ Speakers Bureau (public education)

_____ Other (please specify interests): _____

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: _____

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 ____

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: _____

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
women helping women 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 her 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 herself.
- ◆ 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.?