



Volunteer Application

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This form will help assess your qualifications to serve as a volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocate, and will remain confidential. Please read the directions carefully and complete all sections as thoroughly as possible.

I. Personal Information

Today's date _____

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (H) _____ (C) _____ (W) _____

Date of Birth _____ Gender _____ Place of Birth _____

Ethnicity _____ Resident of Santa Cruz County for _____ years

Other states you have resided in? _____

Marital or Relationship status _____ If married or partnered, give person's name and occupation:

Name _____ Occupation _____

Children

Name _____ Age _____

Other Members of Household

Name _____ Relationship _____

What is the current status of your health? _____

Do you speak Spanish (Yes/No) Other languages spoken _____

II. Education (Circle highest level completed)

High School: 9 10 11 12 College: 1 2 3 4 Graduate: 1 2 3 4

Last school attended _____ Date _____

Major _____ Degree _____

Are you currently attending school? (Yes No)

Do you have skills or licenses? If yes, please list _____

Do you have training or experience in the following?

_____ Medicine	_____ Drug/Alcohol Abuse Programs
_____ Mental Health/Counseling	_____ Criminology/Law Enforcement
_____ Social Work/Child Welfare	_____ Writing
_____ Child Development/Child Care	_____ Public Speaking/News Media
_____ Education	_____ Art/Graphics/Advertising

Are you a licensed driver? (Yes/No) Driver's License # _____

Do you have a car? (Yes/No) License Plate # _____

Do you have car insurance? (Yes/No) Insurance Co. _____

III. Background Information

1) Have you ever been:

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| a) Arrested for a crime against a child? | Yes | No |
| b) Arrested for a violent felony? | Yes | No |
| c) Arrested for a sex crime? | Yes | No |

2) If you answered "yes" to a, b, or c above, can you produce a written declaration of a "Finding of Factual Innocence?" Yes No

3) Have you been convicted of any crime within the past 5 years (excluding vehicle code infractions, but including vehicular misdemeanors or felonies)? Yes No

4) Have you ever been arrested or convicted of any crime not mentioned above? Yes No

5) Have you ever made a report to a Child Protective Agency? Yes No

6) Have you ever been a dependent of the court? Yes No

7) Have you ever been the subject of an investigation by child protective services? Yes No

If you answered "yes" to any of the questions above, please explain (Attach additional sheets if necessary):

8) Have you or any family members ever been the victim of physical or sexual abuse?

Yes No

9) Are you currently paid or reimbursed to provide a service to children and/or parents within the child welfare and/or Juvenile Court system? Yes No

IV. Work/Volunteer History

Circle current employment status:

Full-time Part-time Self-employed Student Unemployed Retired

Name and address of present or last employer and present or last volunteer project

Name: _____ Phone _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Job Title: _____ Supervisor: _____

Dates: _____ Duties: _____

Name and address of previous employer or volunteer project

Name: _____ Phone _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Job Title: _____ Supervisor: _____

Dates _____ Duties: _____

Court Hearings are conducted Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30a.m. to noon , and may resume at 1:30p.m. Part of your responsibility in this volunteer program is to be available to appear in court on the assigned dates, about once every six months. If you are employed, would you have difficulty being available for court hearings? Yes No

Hobbies/Special Interests:

V. Personal References

Please give complete addresses or emails - (One reference from a recent employer, one from someone who has seen you interact with children, and one personal reference).

1. Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Relationship _____

2. Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Relationship _____

3. Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Relationship _____

PLEASE WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE FOLLOWING:

(Please attach a separate page)

- **How did you hear about the *CASA* of Santa Cruz program?**
- **Why are you interested in becoming a Court Appointed Special Advocate?**
- **What experiences do you have that would be beneficial to you as a *CASA* and why?**
- **How do you hope to benefit from this volunteer experience?**

Affirmation and Release

I, _____, hereby affirm that all of the answers provided are true. I hereby authorize *CASA* of Santa Cruz County to investigate my background to determine my fitness as a potential volunteer. I understand that the screening process includes, but is not limited to: child abuse index check, fingerprinting, DMV check, references and interviews.

I understand that the information requested in this application will be used only for the purpose of determining suitability as a *CASA* volunteer. I understand that *CASA* has the right to select or reject an applicant.

Name (please print) _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

In case of emergency, contact: _____ Phone: _____

Any applicant found to have been 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 the *CASA* program's credibility will not be accepted as a *CASA* volunteer.

Please bring your completed application and statement
to your scheduled interview which will be held at:

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