

**Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office, Victim/Witness Division
Volunteer Application**

Thank you for your interest in our volunteer program. We ask that you take some time to completely fill out this application. Only staff members who are involved in the screening and training process will see your responses. **PLEASE RETURN OCTOBER 1, 2009.**

NAME _____ SSN _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE (home) _____ (work) _____

CELL PHONE: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

FAX (home) _____ (work) _____

HOURS YOU WORK _____ MAY WE CALL YOU AT WORK _____

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT _____

POSITION _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ SHIRT SIZE _____

Please tell us about any previous or current volunteer experiences:

Please tell us if you have any personal or physical restrictions that might affect your availability to volunteer:

Have you ever volunteered at Victim/Witness before? _____

If so, when? _____ Why did you leave?

Have you/your family ever been the victim of a crime. _____ If so, how long ago? _____

(Please note that the length of time since your victimization or that of your family may preclude your volunteering at this time. While there are guidelines for this determination, the Volunteer Coordinator and Director will review and then contact you if there are questions or concerns.)

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As a part of our screening process we ask that you give us a personal reference that is not a family member.

REFERENCE:

NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____

Address/City/Zip _____

RELATIONSHIP _____

PLEASE LIST AN EMERGENCY CONTACT:

NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____

Address/City/Zip _____

RELATIONSHIP _____

Due to the nature of our work it may be necessary to conduct a criminal background check.

Have you ever been charged and/or convicted of a felony crime? _____

If yes, please list the crime and explain the circumstances:

Have you ever been charged and/or convicted of a misdemeanor? _____

If yes, please explain circumstances:

I hereby give my permission to the officials of the Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office to check my criminal background.

Signature _____ Date _____

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The Victim/Witness Division is involved with many topics about which you may have strongly held opinions and values. In order to understand what viewpoint you bring to your involvement with the Victim/Witness Division we ask that you **CHECK THOSE STATEMENTS UNDER EACH OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES WITH WHICH YOU AGREE.** We are not looking for any single correct response to any topic, and we appreciate your willingness to let us know you better.

1. SUICIDE

- A. Suicide is a sin and those who kill themselves go to hell.
- B. Suicide is a sin that can be forgiven.
- C. Suicidal people are mentally ill.
- D. Suicide is a personal choice.
- E. Suicide is a personal choice with which no one has the right to intervene.

2. ABORTION

- A. Abortion in any circumstance is murder.
- B. Abortion is wrong unless the life of the mother is at stake.
- C. Abortion is wrong unless great physical or emotional harm will result from the pregnancy.
- D. Abortion is a personal choice that involves a woman's moral and personal values.
- E. Abortion is not a moral issue.

3. RELIGION

- A. People who do not serve God serve the Devil.
- B. The only basis for a meaningful life is by accepting God and His Word.
- C. Religious belief is essential to a meaningful life.
- D. Religious belief is one, but not the only, way to have a meaningful life.
- E. Religious belief is largely superstitious.

4. CHILD MOLESTATION

- A. All child molesters should receive life imprisonment or execution.
- B. Child molesters are evil and should receive nothing from society.
- C. Child molesters choose their actions and do not deserve help.
- D. Adults who engage in sexual activity with children are disturbed and society needs to help them stop their behavior.
- E. Sexual activity between adults and minors can be healthy.

5. PERSONAL VALUES

- A. Accepting people who behave immorally is the same as approving what they do.
- B. People who do wrong things need to be made to change.
- C. Values and beliefs must be shared so that others can benefit from them.
- D. The best way to promote personal values is to live by them, not to talk about them.
- E. Personal values are private and nothing is gained from sharing them.

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6. HOMOSEXUALITY

- A. Homosexuality is unnatural and perverted and should be against the law.
- B. Homosexuality is unnatural and homosexuals should keep to themselves and away from children.
- C. Homosexuality is a mental illness that needs treatment.
- D. Homosexuals are seldom well adjusted.
- E. Homosexuality is a normal expression of love and sexuality for some people.

7. OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE

- A. Using God's name profanely or using vulgar language is never permissible.
- B. Profanity and vulgarity indicate a lack of character in those who use them.
- C. Profanity and vulgarity are offensive because they show a lack of respect.
- D. Profanity and vulgarity are sometimes effective ways to express strong emotions.
- E. Profanity and vulgarity are no different from other kinds of language.

8. CULTURAL DIFFERENCES

- A. People of the same race have the same thoughts and values.
- B. Interracial marriages should not be allowed.
- C. Most violent crimes are because of racial differences.
- D. In order to learn about other cultures it is necessary to respect differences.
- E. Cultural differences do not matter to me.

9. HUMAN NATURE

- A. People are selfish and destructive by nature.
- B. Most people are weak and need a lot of guidance.
- C. People are capable of both good and evil.
- D. Most people do the best they can to live good lives.
- E. People are good by nature.

10. FEELINGS

- A. People can learn not to have disturbing emotions.
- B. Having certain feelings means that a person is weak or lacks character.
- C. Emotions need to be controlled by logic.
- D. Expressing emotions constructively is healthy.
- E. All emotions are healthy and serve a useful purpose.

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2009 FALL VOLUNTEER ADVOCATE CLASS

**Tuesday, October 13, 2009 & Thursday, October 15, 2009
Tuesday, October 20, 2009 & Thursday, October 22, 2009
Tuesday, October 27, 2009 & Thursday, October 29, 2009**

All Sessions will be held from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

IN-SERVICE TRAINING, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 @ 9:00 a.m.

1. I understand in order to successfully complete the volunteer training, I must attend all of the classes or schedule a make-up session with the volunteer coordinator.
2. After successfully completing the class, I will attend at least one of the two in-service sessions held yearly. I understand the sessions will provide me with updated training materials, as well as, an opportunity to socialize with other Division volunteers with whom I will be working.

DATE: _____

Signature

Please Print Name

**PLEASE RETURN TO:
Sandy Hunt
Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office
Victim/Witness Division
P.O. Box 972
Dayton OH 45422**

RETURN BY OCTOBER 1, 2009

Class schedule, location, and additional details for the training will be provided to you in a confirmation notice.