

# COURT FRIENDS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

## *18th Judicial Circuit Court*

Background: The Circuit Court appoints guardians for people who need help in making decisions about their daily lives. The guardian is responsible for protecting the person under guardianship: to manage any funds the person may have, and to arrange for care which will adequately provide for the ward's physical, mental, emotional, and social well-being. The purpose of Court Friends is to give the court a way to obtain current information about wards and to verify that each is receiving good care.

### **VOLUNTEER ROLE:**

***Court Visitor:*** The visitor goes to the ward's residence, observes conditions and talks with the ward about his or her needs. The Visitor will also speak to the guardian and to any other caregivers. The Visitor reports back to the judge in writing.

***Qualifications:*** Good listening and communication skills, friendliness, common sense, objectivity and the ability to maintain confidentiality.

***Training and Support:*** A five to six hour video taped training is required. Volunteers are supervised by Circuit Court Staff.

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# Court Friend Volunteer Application



## Contact Information

Name	
Street Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
Home Phone	
Cell Phone	
E-Mail Address	

## Interests

What interests you about the volunteer program?

## Special Skills or Qualifications

Summarize special skills and qualifications you have acquired from employment, previous volunteer work, or through other life experiences (care of an elderly or developmentally disabled relative or friend)..

## Employment History

Please describe your employment history.

Name of Employer(s)	Position Held	Dates of Employment
1.		
2.		
3.		

## Person to Notify in Case of Emergency

Name	
Street Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
E-Mail Address	

## References

Name	Relationship to You	Phone Number
1.		
2.		

## Transportation

What form of transportation do you usually use? (Court visitors must be able to drive to visits)

Drive own car \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance Carrier \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

Rely on others \_\_\_\_\_ Use public transportation \_\_\_\_\_

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that if I am accepted as a volunteer, any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in my immediate dismissal.

The undersigned certifies that he/she has never been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor and knows of no reason why he/she would not be qualified to be a Court Friend Volunteer.

Name (printed)	
Signature	
Date	

## Our Policy

It is the policy of this organization to provide equal opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual preference, age, or disability.

Due to the sensitive nature of these positions, the court will do a records check (criminal and civil) on qualified applicants.

Thank you for completing this application form and for your interest in volunteering with us.

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