CASA Volunteer Application Form
(Please complete all four pages)

Date_____

Name_____
Last First Middle

Birth date_____ Social Security No._____

Home Address_____

City/State/Zip_____

Previous addresses in the last 5 years:

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Home Phone Number_____ Cell Phone Number_____

Email Address_____

Marital Status_____Children (sex and ages)_____

Person to notify in emergency_____

Address _____City/St. _____ Phone No._____

EMPLOYMENT

Employer _____Full or Part-time

Address_____

City/State _____ Phone No._____

May you be contacted at work? _____ Yes _____ No

Brief description of work _____

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EDUCATION

Formal Education (highest year of school completed) _____

Are you presently attending school? _____ Yes _____ No

Do you speak a foreign language? ____Yes ____No

If yes, which language (s)_____

Military Service_____ Years of service____

AVAILABILITY

Are you willing to commit to one year of volunteer service? ____ Yes ____ No

Are you willing to commit to a minimum of 4 hours of volunteer service per month?___Yes___No

A CASA Volunteer is required to attend court hearings for the children they represent. Will you be able to arrange your schedule to attend these hearings? ____ Yes ____ No

Do you drive? ____ Yes ____ No Do you have access to a car? ____ Yes ____ No

Drivers License #_____

Describe any time constraints or health concerns you may have:

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Are you willing to complete the required 12 hours of in-service per year provided by the CASA office? ____Yes____No

REFERENCES

Please list three references (no more than one family member, please)
The references you list will be contacted by mail and asked to fill out a questionnaire that is part of the application process. Please provide full mailing address.

1. Name_____

   Address_____

   _____

   Phone_____Relationship_____

2. Name_____

   Address_____

   _____

   Phone_____Relationship_____

3. Name_____

   Address_____

   _____

   Phone_____Relationship_____

BACKGROUND CHECK

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 is not eligible to be a CASA volunteer.

I, _____ hereby affirm that all of the answers provided on my volunteer application are true. I hereby authorize CASA, Inc., and any law enforcement agency they authorize, to investigate my background to determine my fitness as a potential volunteer. If an applicant refuses to sign a release of information form or submit to fingerprinting for any of the checks required the CASA Program would reject the application.

I understand that the information requested in this application will be used only for the purpose of determining my suitability as a CASA volunteer. Further, I understand that completion of training does not guarantee that I will be assigned a case. If I have successfully completed the training and have met all other requirements, and it has been determined that I am a suitable volunteer, I understand that I will be expected to serve a minimum of one year in the CASA program. I am aware of the sensitive and confidential nature of the official documents, reports and other material I will examine in my capacity as a CASA volunteer.

I also understand that if for any reason it becomes apparent that my activities are contrary to the policies, goals and/or philosophy of the CASA program, and their desire to provide quality services to abused and neglected children, my services as a CASA volunteer will be terminated.

I submit the statements on this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsification on this application can disqualify me from consideration or can result in dismissal at a later time.

Your Signature _____ Date _____

CASA of Southeast Missouri shall not restrict its selection of volunteers because of race, creed, color, nationality, sexual orientation, marital status, disability or sex.

ESSAY QUESTIONS:
Please answer on a separate piece of paper in paragraph form where applicable.

Why do you want to become a CASA/GAL volunteer and what do you hope to get out of this volunteer experience?

How did you learn about the CASA/GAL program?

List current and previous volunteer work.

What experience or knowledge of children and families do you have to assist you in determining what may be in a child's best interests? (i.e. parenting, child care, etc.)

Do you have any experience with social service agencies as a staff person, foster parent, volunteer, or client? If yes, please describe.

Describe any strong interests, knowledge areas, hobbies or special skills, which you could offer as a volunteer.

Have you ever been arrested, charged, or convicted of any criminal act in any state of the United States whether or not incarceration ever occurred?_____
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If yes, for what?_____
Have you ever been debarred/sanctioned from any federal/state program?_____
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Please write a short autobiography (1 page or less).