



GROUP VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Group Information

Group Name: _____ Date of Volunteering: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Contact Person day of project, if different: _____

Phone: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Email: _____

Will there be members of your group who are under 18 years old? (If so, please see guidelines below) YES NO

If yes, is your group aware of guidelines for volunteers under 18 years old and able to comply? YES NO

If yes, how many and what ages? _____

Basic Volunteer Requirements and Information You Should Know

Magdalena House reserves the right to conduct a criminal background investigation on all volunteers; you may be asked to grant us written permission for that part of the volunteer screening process.

All potential work team leaders will be expected to participate in a personal interview with a Magdalena House staff member. All volunteers working directly with residents may be asked to attend training *before* volunteering.

Volunteers are required to maintain **confidentiality** at all times during their volunteer assignments. Do not take **photos of residents** or use **social media that includes residents** while on the property. Do not share the **address** of Magdalena House, or directions to the property, with anyone outside the volunteer group, or share your location using any electronic device.

Volunteers agree to support the policies and guidelines of Magdalena House. Volunteers may not smoke, drink, or use drugs on Magdalena House property. Volunteers may not bring weapons unto the property. Please respect the residents, their privacy, and the house, as this is their home.

Volunteers are required to dress appropriately and respectfully for the work they will undertake, including those volunteering with residents and children. Work teams – please wear closed toed shoes for outside work.

For the safety of the volunteers, as well as the well-being of the residents of Magdalena House, we request that you follow these **guidelines for volunteers under 18 years**:

- For all volunteers under 18 years, **parents/guardians must sign their WAIVER OF LIABILITY and BACKGROUND CHECK PRIOR to volunteer experience.**
- Volunteers ages 16-17 may volunteer independently of parent, guardian, or group leader in age appropriate activities, including child care.
- Volunteers grade 8 – age 15 may volunteer under the direct supervision of a parent, guardian, teacher, coach, or youth group leader.
- Youth in grades K-7 may accompany a volunteer parent/guardian on a work team with the understanding that the parent/guardian is directly responsible for the safety and supervision of the youth.

If you have any questions of if your group plans change, please contact Magdalena House at (210) 561-0505 or info@maghouse.org.



WAIVER OF LIABILITY

Important: Each volunteer must sign the "Release and Waiver of Liability" before working on the Magdalena House site. Please complete this form and bring it with you before you begin volunteering. Read this waiver very carefully before you sign. This waiver is valid for 24 months from the date of its execution.

This Waiver of Liability (the "Waiver") executed on this _____ day of _____
in the year _____, by _____
(the "Volunteer") in favor of Magdalena House.

I, the Volunteer, desire to work as a volunteer for Magdalena House and engage in the activities related to being a volunteer for a work project.

I freely and voluntarily, without duress, execute this Waiver under the following terms:

- Waiver and Release.** I, the Volunteer, release and forever discharge and hold harmless Magdalena House and its successors and assigns from any and all liability, claims, and demands of whatever kind or nature, either in law or in equity, which arise or may hereafter arise from my volunteer work with Magdalena House. I understand and acknowledge that this Waiver discharges Magdalena House from any liability or claim that I, the Volunteer, may have against Magdalena House with respect to bodily injury, personal injury, illness, death, or property damage that may result from my participation on the Magdalena House work site. I also understand that Magdalena House does not assume any responsibility for or obligation to provide financial assistance or other assistance, including but not limited to medical, health or disability insurance, in the event of injury, illness, death, or property damage.
- Insurance.** I, the Volunteer, understand that I expressly waive any such claim for compensation or liability on the part of Magdalena House beyond what may be offered freely by the representative of Magdalena House in the event of such injury or medical expense.
- Medical Treatment.** I hereby release and forever discharge Magdalena House from any claim whatsoever which arises or may hereafter arise on account of any first-aid treatment or other medical services rendered in connection with an emergency during my time with Magdalena House.
- Assumption of the Risk.** I understand that my time with Magdalena House may include activities that may be hazardous to me, including but not limited to, construction activities, loading and unloading of heavy equipment and materials, and local transportation to and from the work site. I hereby expressly and specifically assume the risk of injury or harm in these activities and release Magdalena House from all liability for injury, illness, death, or property damage resulting from the activities of my time with Magdalena House.
- Photographic Release.** I grant and convey unto Magdalena House all right, title, and interest in any and all photographic images and video or audio recordings made by Magdalena House during my work for Magdalena House, including, but not limited to, any royalties, proceeds, or other benefits derived from such photographs or recordings.
- Other.** I expressly agree that this Waiver is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Texas in the United States of America, and that this Waiver shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas. I agree that in the event that any clause or provision of this Waiver shall be held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such clause or provision shall not otherwise affect the remaining provisions of the Release which shall continue to be enforceable.
- Length of Waiver.** I agree that this waiver is valid for 24 months after its execution.

Volunteer Name (Printed): _____

Volunteer Signature: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

For Volunteer under age 18, Parent or Guardian Name (Printed): _____

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CONSENT TO PERFORM CRIMINAL HISTORY/BACKGROUND CHECK IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE FCRA (Fair Credit Reporting Act)

Full Name: _____
Last First M.I.

Maiden/other name(s) used in any and all other records of birth or residence: _____

Address:* _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Date of Birth:** _____ Social Security Number: _____

Gender:** _____ Race:** _____

Driver's License Number:** _____

* As shown on the original application

** To be used for criminal history checks only and not a part of the volunteer file

The following are my responses to questions about my criminal history (if any):

1. Yes No Have you ever been convicted or pled guilty before a court for any federal, state or municipal criminal offense? (Exclude minor traffic misdemeanors). If yes, please provide the details below:
State: _____ County: _____ Date of Offense: _____
Details of Conviction: _____

2. Yes No Have you ever received deferred adjudication for any federal, state or municipal offense? If yes, please provide the details below:
State: _____ County: _____ Date of Offense: _____
Details of Conviction: _____

3. Yes No Have you ever received probation or community service for any federal, state or municipal offense? If yes, please provide the details below:
State: _____ County: _____ Date of Offense: _____
Details of Conviction: _____

I, _____, am an applicant for volunteerism with Magdalena House and have been advised that as a part of the application process, the agency conducts a criminal history background check. I do hereby consent to the agency use of any information provided during the application process in performing the criminal history check. The agency has informed me that I have the right to review and challenge any negative information that would adversely impact a decision to offer volunteer opportunities to me. In addition, I have been informed that I will have a reasonable opportunity to clear up any mistaken information reported within a reasonable time frame established within the sole discretion of the agency. Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, I have been advised that upon request, I will be provided the name, address and telephone number of the reporting agency as well as the nature, substance and source of all information.

Volunteer Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

For applicants under 18,
Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____