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VOLUNTEER APPLICATION: WEST COOK YMCA

Volunteerism is the personally rewarding willingness to help others without the expectation of pay or tangible benefit.

First _____ MI _____ Last _____ Gender _____
Email address _____ Phone _____
Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

What are you most interested in:

- ☐ Fulfilling a school or work requirement? If yes, how many hours? _____
- ☐ A one-time volunteer project?
- ☐ An on-going regular scheduled position?

Do you have any of the following?

First Aid Certification: _____ Expiration Date: _____ CPR Certification: _____ Expiration Date: _____
Other Certification(s) _____ Expiration Date(s): _____

Volunteer Interests (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Babysitter | <input type="checkbox"/> Event Assistant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Age Assistant | <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Recess Support Volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Sport Coach | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Development Data Specialist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wellness Center Attendant | <input type="checkbox"/> Togetherhood Service Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swim Instructor | Chairperson |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifeguard | Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Support Specialist | |

Day/Times available for volunteer work: Day(s): _____
Time(s): _____

Have you filled out a Volunteer Application before? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Educational Background _____

What other organizations have you volunteered with (if any)?

Please list any other experiences that relate to your knowledge, skills and abilities in serving others.

References:

List 3 people who have known you for at least two years who know you well enough to provide us with a reference.

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3.

Signature _____ Date _____ / _____ / _____

Next Steps*:

- Once you complete this application and the Volunteer statement, bring it back to the West Cook YMCA or send it via email to Nisma Castaneda ncastaneda@westcookymca.org
- A Criminal Background Check will be run and after the results are obtained, we will be in contact with you for an interview with the Program Director.
- After the interview, the same day you will attend to an orientation meeting according to the volunteer job you will do at the West Cook YMCA.

*This process may vary according to the type of Volunteer assignment.

For more information contact Nisma Castaneda ncastaneda@westcookymca.org 708 434 0225

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Volunteer Statement

In the West Cook YMCA's efforts to attract the highest quality volunteer staff, I have been advised that, as a part of the application process for volunteer service with the YMCA, an extensive inquiry will be made concerning my prior employment, activities, character, and health, and I fully consent to and authorize all such inquiries.

If the West Cook YMCA accepts my volunteer service, I will comply with all policies set forth in the volunteer handbook and with other policies established from time to time by the organization. I authorize the YMCA to request my employment record from any former employer(s). I further understand that inquiries may be made concerning my background, experience, and prior employment. I hereby waive any right to claim that any request or investigation is an invasion of my privacy, since it is made with my consent and it is in my interest that I be considered for volunteer service. I understand that my continued involvement as a volunteer is contingent upon a clean criminal history background check. I understand that for some volunteer assignments, health screenings are required by law, and for such assignments my involvement as a volunteer will be contingent upon passing the health screenings or otherwise meeting licensing standards.

I understand that it is this YMCA's policy to secure conviction-only criminal history information as a part of the screening process for volunteers. I have provided the following information for the sole purpose of the YMCA's obtaining a conviction-only criminal history file search. I understand that the West Cook YMCA does not condone child abusers and that the West Cook YMCA will be seeking information in my background related to child abuse.

_____ Name: Last	_____ First	_____ Middle
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Names previously used/name before marriage

_____ Birthday	_____ Race	_____ Sex
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_____ Social security number	_____ Driver's license number
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I certify that all statements made by me on this application are true to the best of my knowledge and that I have withheld nothing that would, if disclosed, affect this application unfavorably. I understand and agree that any misrepresentation or omission of facts would exclude my being considered for volunteer service or, after my service begins, may be cause for termination.

I understand that the YMCA will take seriously any allegations or suspicions of child abuse and will report such allegations to the police and state agencies for investigation.

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I also understand that the YMCA strongly discourages any fraternization outside of YMCA programs between volunteer staff members and youth participants. I understand that if a volunteer wishes to fraternize due to a family relationship or longstanding friendship with a participant or the participant's family, such fraternization should be disclosed to the volunteer's immediate supervisor. Furthermore, it should not take place without the presence of another adult.

I understand that written approval of such fraternization must be obtained from the supervisor or another YMCA representative. All other personal contact between volunteer staff members and youth participants is prohibited.

I understand and agree that if my service as a volunteer is accepted, there is no contract period for volunteer service and my volunteer service would be solely "at will," giving either me or the YMCA the right to terminate my volunteer service at any time without liability or obligation.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understood the above statement and that I voluntarily sign this application.

Signature of applicant

Date

Signature of parent or guardian if applicant is under 18

Date