

Dear Potential Volunteer,

You have indicated an interest in becoming a CASA volunteer. We conduct multiple trainings a year. Our trainings are a crucial part of preparing you for your volunteer position. We have a few different options for training to best fit your schedule. We offer group training when possible and a self-guided training is available when not possible. If you are interested, please fill out the enclosed application and mail it to the address above or send it to our email. The need is great and we always have cases waiting for an advocate.

All of our CASA volunteers go through a screening process. Therefore, we want you to know that any information found may affect your acceptance into the CASA program. The initial screening process begins with the standard application form, which must be thoroughly completed. The next step is an informal interview. This will allow us to meet in person and answer any questions you may have about the program. The final step is a check of your references in addition to a criminal records check, and a Child Abuse Registry check. We will continue the screening process throughout the training classes. All information received throughout the screening process will be kept completely confidential and only used for CASA purposes. Thank you for taking the time to consider becoming an advocate.

We look forward to hearing from you and appreciate your interest in advocating for the abused and neglected children of Lincoln County. If you have any questions, please call me at (308) 520-0577.

Sincerely,

Janet Vath, Executive Director
Lincoln County CASA



Volunteer Application

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Lincoln County CASA provides equal volunteer opportunities to all applicants without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, military status, or military veteran status in accordance with applicable federal and state laws. In addition, Lincoln County CASA agrees to provide a volunteer environment that is free of unlawful harassment of any kind, including that which is sexual, age-related, or ethnic when the volunteer environment is within CASA's control.

Instructions: There are four (4) pages to this application. Complete all questions on the application, sign it, and return it to us: info@casa-lincolncountyne.org or PO Box 1406 North Platte, NE 69101

Date: _____

Last Name

First Name

Middle Initial

Nickname

Address/City/State/Zip:

Previous City, states you have lived in: (if less than 7 years at current address)

Home Phone:

Business Phone:

Cell:

Can you be contacted at work? (circle) yes no

Fax:

Email:

Required for Security Screening

The CASA background check requires full disclosure of name changes, the use of assumed names, nicknames, etc. If you have used names other than the name provided above, please explain below.

Explain Here:

Social Security #

Driver's License #

Date of Birth

Place of Birth

Race/Ethnicity:

In Case of Emergency Call:

Emergency Phone #:

Relationship to you:



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Retired (circle one): Yes No

Employer Information

If retired, list your last employer

Employer:

Work Address:

Description of Work:

Describe your educational background: (include colleges attended and degrees)

What languages do you speak other than English?

Hobbies/Special Interests:

Are you willing to complete a minimum of 30 hours of basic training and ongoing training and court appearances as indicated by the CASA program? (circle one): Yes No

Can you see yourself visiting with a family in their home, or with an institutionalized child?
(circle one): Yes No

What do you feel are the personal strengths that you bring to CASA?



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Have you ever been convicted of a felony? (circle one): No Yes

If yes, please explain:

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor offense, other than minor traffic offenses, within the past seven (7) years? (circle one): No Yes

If yes, please explain:

Note: Any applicant found to have been convicted of, or have 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 accepted as a CASA volunteer.

What kind of cases are you interested in? Do you prefer the type of child you will be assigned to?

Age? Sex? Ethnicity?

Where did you hear about CASA?

Please list below, three references (2 professional and/or volunteer contacts, and 1 personal). Local references are preferred. No relatives, please. **Must list addresses; complete with a street number and zip code.**

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|-------------------------|--------|---------------|
| 1- Name: | Phone: | Relationship: |
| Address/City/State/Zip: | | |
| 2- Name: | Phone: | Relationship: |
| Address/City/State/Zip: | | |
| 3- Name: | Phone: | Relationship: |
| Address/City/State/Zip: | | |



Volunteer Application- Release of Information

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Please Print or type (use the back if more space needed)

As a condition of my desire to volunteer for Lincoln County CASA, a background check will be conducted. A check of the following is necessary to ensure an applicant meets CASA's standards: County Criminal – Statewide if available, Federal Criminal, Global Watch, National Sex Offender Registry, Nationwide Alert, Social Security Trace, and Nebraska Department of Health and Human Service's Adult/Child Protective Services Central Registers.

I understand I will not be accepted as a CASA advocate if I have been convicted of, or have charges pending, for a felony or misdemeanor involving a sex offense, child abuse or neglect, or related acts that would pose a risk to children in the CASA program or the credibility of the CASA program. Other charges that would not pose a risk to children will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

To the best of my knowledge, I do not have a conviction or prior history of adult or child abuse/neglect or maltreatment. Neither have I been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude. I understand that my name will also be checked against local, state, and national databases for criminal activity.

I hereby authorize OneSource (background-check company) and the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services to release information contained on County Criminal – Statewide if available – Federal Criminal, Global Watch, National Sex Offender Registry, Nationwide Alert, Social Security Trace, and Nebraska Department of Health and Human Service's Adult/Child Protective Services Central Registers, to: **Lincoln County CASA**
PO Box 1604, North Platte, NE 69103

Printed or Typed Name of Applicant:

Social Security Number:

Date of Applicant Birth

Home Address of Applicant (City/Zip)

Please list any other names used:
(write **none** if none were used)

Other Cities and State you have lived in the last 7 years:
(write **none** if you have not lived anywhere else)

Please list names and birthdates of children who have lived with you:

1. _____ D.O.B. _____ Gender: _____

2. _____ D.O.B. _____ Gender: _____

3. _____ D.O.B. _____ Gender: _____

Signature of Applicant:

Date Signed:

This release must be filled out in its entirety and signed or Lincoln County CASA must reject this application. Please contact us if you have any questions, 308-520-0577 or info@casa-lincolncountyne.org.