



Voices for Children, Inc., CASA of Brazos Valley Board Member Application

Personal Information

Full Legal Name: _____

Nickname/Maiden name (if applicable): _____

Email address: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

In case of emergency, contact:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone Number: _____

Briefly describe your background and interests:

How long have you lived in the Brazos Valley Community? _____

Educational Background

Name and Location of School	Check last year attended in school	Did you graduate?	Degree or Certificate
High School: Location:	<input type="checkbox"/> 9 <input type="checkbox"/> 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 11 <input type="checkbox"/> 12	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
College: Location:	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Graduate School: Location:	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Other		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

1. What reason(s) would compel you to serve on this Board of Directors?

2. What expertise or special skills do you possess that may help this Board of Directors function more effectively?

3. I have experience or expertise in these areas:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> community awareness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> finances | <input type="checkbox"/> human resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> legal issues | <input type="checkbox"/> expansion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> communication | <input type="checkbox"/> marketing |

Other:

4. List any leadership position(s) you may be interested in:

Knowledge and preparation:

- Educate myself on the nonprofit, its history, goals, clients/constituency, staff, current situation, problems and needs.
- Keep abreast of national, state and local trends that affect the nonprofit and its clients or constituency.
- Educate myself on the roles and responsibilities of the Board as a whole, as well as those of individual Board members.

Participation:

- Participate in the tasks of the Board.
- Be an enthusiastic and knowledgeable voice for the nonprofit.
- Serve actively on at least one committee; understand how committees relate to the Board.
- Act as an advocate for the nonprofit and the people we serve.
- Contribute financially to the nonprofit/provide fund-raising contacts/in-kind donations.

- Participate in discussions at meetings; ask probing questions and seek relevant answers before voting.
- Report to the Board, in written or verbal form, as appropriate.
- Recognize my role as a member of the team.

Experience:

Past Board experience:

Past work experience:

Where are you presently employed and what are your responsibilities?

Voices for Children, Inc. board members refrain from positions of conflict of interest or the appearance of conflict of interest, whether it is financial, professional, or personal.

Do you think you might have such a conflict? If so, please explain.

Are you currently in a paid position with a non-profit organization? If so, please explain.

Have you volunteered for this nonprofit before?

Yes

No

Have you held a leadership position on a Board in the past?

Yes

No

If yes, what was the position? _____

References

Please submit the names and contact information of three personal (unrelated) references.

Name:	Relationship:	Years known:
Phone Number:	Email:	Address:

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Criminal Background Check

The integrity of Voices for Children, Inc. in its work for children is of primary importance. Voices for Children, Inc. cannot accept applicants if they have been convicted, or have prior charges, or have charges pending for a felony or misdemeanor involving a sex offense, violent act, child abuse or neglect, delivery of illegal drugs, or related acts that would pose risk to children or the CASA program’s credibility.

If there is a potential problem in this area, please explain.

The process of nomination to the Board of Directors involves a criminal background check, just as it does for employed staff and for CASA volunteers. This, along with an interview, a committee review, and election at a board meeting, necessarily takes a certain amount of time. We appreciate your patience through this process.

Membership is official when the person’s background checks have been received, attends the onboarding training, completes the required paperwork, and attends a meeting of the board. Please feel free to contact Amy Faulkner, Executive Director, at (979) 822-9700, about the nomination process or any other questions you have. You may also visit our website for more information: www.vfcbrazos.org

I have truthfully responded to all of the questions on this application:

Board candidate’s signature

Date

***Please attach the enclosed Release of Information for remittance with this application. A CASA program does not accept applicants if they, or an immediate family member, have been convicted, or have prior charges, or have charges pending for a felony or misdemeanor involving a sex offense, violent act, child abuse or neglect, delivery of illegal drugs or related acts that would pose risk to children or to the CASA program’s credibility.*

Voices for Children, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate against any individual, employee or applicant on the basis of race, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age or disability.