Prospective Volunteer Advocate Profile

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Contact Information

Name _____

Street Address _____

City ST ZIP Code _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Employer/School _____

References

Please list three people not related to you whom we may contact for a character reference (one must be a current/previous employer, professor, teacher or previous volunteer supervisor). If employed, may we contact your present employer?

Name _____

Relationship _____

Email Address _____

Phone _____

Name _____

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Previous Volunteer Experience

Summarize your previous volunteer experience (including length of service, organization, position).

Why do you want to volunteer with loveisrespect?

What is your knowledge around the issue of dating violence?

Describe any personal, professional or educational experiences that you feel are relevant to volunteering with loveisrespect.

List three adjectives that describe you.

Are you able to commit to 3 hours per week (minimum of 12 hrs month) of volunteer service with loveisrespect?

Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that if I am accepted as a volunteer, any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in my immediate dismissal or ineligibility for the loveisrespect volunteer advocate program. I understand that loveisrespect is not obligated in any way to accept me into the training program by submission of this application.

Printed Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Our Policy

It is the policy of loveisrespect to provide equal opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual preference, age, or disability.

Please return volunteer application to volunteers@loveisrespect.org or mail to:

Volunteer & Training Manager, LIR
PO Box 161810
Austin, TX, 78716

Thank you for completing this application form and for your interest in volunteering with us.

How did you hear about the Volunteer Advocate Program?

- ☐ Austin American Statesman
- ☐ website: _____
- ☐ loveisrespect Staff
- ☐ Teacher/Professor
- ☐ Friend/Family Member
- ☐ Other: _____

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Mission

At loveisrespect, we answer calls, chats & texts about healthy dating and abuse from individuals across the United States. Our peer advocates are available to talk 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. We are trained to offer support, information and help to those in abusive relationships. We also help concerned parents, teachers, service providers, clergy and law enforcement. At loveisrespect, we believe that working with volunteer advocates promotes credibility and trust among staff members and those in the community whom we serve. We believe in a diverse workforce and believe volunteers bring needed skills and community expertise needed to maintain a thriving service organization.

The expectation of our program is to maintain a volunteer staffing pool that meets the needs of our callers and chatters within our current supervisory capacity. At loveisrespect we value each member of our team and dedicate hours of training, coaching and support to every individual advocate. It is because of this that we maintain a smaller pool of volunteer advocates in order to provide needed professional support to every staff member. Our volunteers gain expert advocacy skills, experience working at a diverse, national organization, education about healthy relationships, as well as the opportunity to earn professional recommendations and referrals which will impact their lives in a positive way.

Our program is based on empowerment and heavy coaching and feedback, thus giving every volunteer ample experience in preparing for employment in their desired field. By answering questions about healthy relationships and abuse, loveisrespect advocates are changing the course of dating abuse in our country and can begin or continue a dedication to service.

Structure

- Each volunteer will complete 30 hours of training on dating abuse and 6-10 hours of follow-up training with a loveisrespect supervisor to learn the hands-on technology and logistics of providing advocacy through loveisrespect's digital model.
- Volunteers will agree to work at least once a week for a three-hour time period, between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. any day of the week. This amounts to at least twelve hours per month.
- Volunteers will receive ongoing training and feedback from supervisors, and will receive the following:
  - Opportunity to apply for a paid position after completing 140 hours (primary training included)
  - Opportunity to request Letter of Recommendation for graduate or other educational program after 200 hrs

Volunteer Agreement Form

I, _____, agree to volunteer at loveisrespect.

I understand that I will receive 30-40 hours of training and that my responsibilities and duties may include the following:

Answer calls; accept chats & texts via online service model; collect statistics; provide crisis intervention and empowerment-based services to teens, young adults and the general public.

I agree to:

- ✓ Abide by all established policies and procedures of loveisrespect.
- ✓ Maintain dignity and integrity of the organization with the public and honor confidential information.
- ✓ Commit to volunteering a minimum of twelve hours per month, including at least one three- hour period of time once a week, between 2:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. any day of the week.
- ✓ Commit to the possibility of retaking 30-40 hours of the initial loveisrespect training or being removed from the program if I miss more than 30 consecutive days at loveisrespect.
- ✓ Whenever possible, provide at least 24 hours notice to the loveisrespect Supervisors if I am unable to come in for a loveisrespect shift.
- ✓ Contact the loveisrespect By-pass line at 512-685-6251 if I need to miss a shift.

The loveisrespect Supervisory Staff agrees to:

- ✓ Provide ongoing training and support.
- ✓ Be available for assistance and guidance whenever possible.
- ✓ Provide constructive feedback to ensure quality advocacy to all loveisrespect contacts.
- ✓ Provide letters of recommendation once volunteer has completed 200 hours of service (at supervisor's discretion).
- ✓ Provide opportunities for volunteer to apply for a paid position after 140 hours of service.
- ✓ Assist volunteer in the growth and professional development of skills necessary for advancement.
- ✓ Have an open-door policy and promote a supportive environment for all volunteers.

I will volunteer my services for loveisrespect at these times:

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun

Volunteer _____ Date _____ Supervisor or Manager _____ Date _____