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Volunteer Application

Application Checklist

- Application filled out completely
- Standards of Conduct read and signed
- Release for background check filled out and signed
 - Check made out to *Unite 4 Life* for \$25 for background check
- List of character references provided

General Information

Name:	
Address:	
City, State, & Zip:	
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:
E-Mail:	
Date of Birth:	Fax:

Volunteer Position/Skills

Please check the areas in which you are interested in being a volunteer:

- Classroom Speaker Mentor Event Planning Administration

Please list any specific tasks, positions, or skills with which you would like to help: _____



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Personal Information (Optional – We just want to get to know you better)

Work Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Full-Time <input type="checkbox"/> Part-Time <input type="checkbox"/> Student <input type="checkbox"/> Retired <input type="checkbox"/> Homemaker				
Occupation:			Employer:	
Marital Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> Remarried <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed				
Name of Spouse (if applicable):			Anniversary (if applicable):	
Do you have any children?				
Names and Birthdays:				
Emergency Contact:			Phone #:	

Emotional Background

As a volunteer for *Unite 4 Life* you will have the opportunity to work with young people dealing with their emotional needs. This is a responsibility we take very seriously. It can potentially take its toll on a person. Due to our concern for your emotional well-being as well as that of the youth we work with, we feel it is important to ask the following question:

Have you or a close relative ever suffered from or been treated for any condition that would impact your ability to work with youth in a healthy way?

These conditions would include but are not limited to:

Use of illegal drugs

Abuse (physical, verbal, sexual, or otherwise)

Alcoholism

Sexual misconduct (rape, sex w/ a minor, or otherwise)

Depression or mental illness

Discrimination (racial, sexual, or otherwise)

YES

NO

If you check yes, it will not disqualify you from being a volunteer for *Unite 4 Life*. You will be contacted privately to discuss the specific issues, any treatment you have received, and your current well-being before you work with students.



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Character References

Please provide three character references, one from each area:

Family:

Name:	Relationship:	Yrs Known:
Phone:	Email:	

Employer/Teacher/Volunteer Director:

Name:	Relationship:	Yrs Known:
Phone:	Email:	

Friend:

Name:	Relationship:	Yrs Known:
Phone:	Email:	

Applicant's Statement

The information contained in this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize any references listed to give you any information they may have regarding my character and fitness for youth work and I release all such references from liability for any damage that may result from furnishing such evaluations to you. I understand that all information will be held confidential by *Unite 4 Life*.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Volunteer Standards of Conduct

Gender Boundaries

- It is so important that we maintain appropriate boundaries with the students for the protection of the students, the volunteers, and the integrity of the program.
- There is absolutely no flirting, physical or verbal, or engaging in romantic relationships with students.
- Do not be alone in a room or car or counsel privately with a student of the opposite sex.

Speech

- Our language should always be positive and uplifting; adding value to those who hear us.
- Do not use profanity or 'off color' jokes in the presence of the students you are working with.
- Do not speak negatively about other students or adults (teachers, authority figures, parents, etc.) in the presence of the students you are working with.
 - Sarcasm and put-downs are not funny when they make someone else feel bad.

Character

- Maintain a reputation of upholding the character traits of:
 - Honesty, Patience, Compassion, Respect, Perseverance, & Responsibility.
- Choose the higher road in all of your dealings with students. You do not have to validate or participate in inappropriate behavior to connect with a young person's world.

Equality

- Treat everyone with the same love and respect.
- Never share prejudicial or discriminatory thoughts or feelings with students.
 - This would include, but not limited to, physical appearance, ethnicity, color, race, religion, gender, sexual identity, culture, personality, and intelligence.

Media

- Always direct anyone from the media to contact *Unite 4 Life* directly.
- Do not talk to the media about issues or stories regarding *Unite 4 Life* or situations at schools or with individuals unless you have received prior approval from the *Unite 4 Life* Executive Director.

Volunteer Standards of Conduct (Cont.)

Integrity

- As volunteers of *Unite 4 Life*, we are role models for young people everywhere that we go. Be aware of the example that you are setting at all times.
- Do not make promises to the students that you can't keep.
 - Never promise secrecy in any conversation with a student.
 - Protect the student's confidentiality by only sharing their information with Unite 4 Life officials, school officials, or law enforcement; not with your friends, family, co-workers, etc.

On-Campus

- You are a guest of every school that invites *Unite 4 Life* onto their campus. It is both a great privilege and a great responsibility to serve on a school campus.
- You must adhere to all regulations and guidelines as set by each school that we visit.

Alcohol & Tobacco

- While self-control and moderation may not be areas of weakness for you, they can be for the young person who is looking up to you.
- Refrain from the use of alcohol and tobacco while in the presence of the students you are working with.
- If you are in public places, please use discretion when young people are present.

Illegal drugs

- Use of illegal drugs is prohibited and will be cause for immediate termination.

I have read the Unite 4 Life Volunteer Standards of Conduct. I understand that, as a volunteer, I will be held accountable to these standards and I commit to upholding them to the best of my ability.

Signature of applicant:

Date:

