



VOLUNTEER VICTIM ADVOCATE APPLICATION

All applicants are considered without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital or veteran status, or handicap.

Please Print

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER: HOME _____ CELL _____

EMPLOYER _____

EMPLOYER ADDRESS _____

DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER _____ EXP DATE _____

HAVE YOU EVER HAD A TRAFFIC TICKET? _____

HAVE YOU EVER HAD YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENDED? _____

IF YOU ANSWERED YES TO EITHER OF THE ABOVE, PLEASE EXPLAIN _____

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY? _____

IF YOU ANSWERED YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN _____

IF YOU ARE *FLUENT IN A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH, PLEASE INDICATE THE LANGUAGE: (**Fluent indicates that you can read, write and speak the language without hesitation*) _____

LIST ANY PROFESSIONAL, TRADE, BUSINESS, OR CIVIC ACTIVITIES YOU ARE INVOLVED IN AND ANY OFFICES HELD: _____

HAVE YOU EVER FILLED OUT AN APPLICATION OR BEEN EMPLOYED WITH US? _____ IF YES, PLEASE GIVE DATES: _____

PLEASE SUMMARIZE ANY SPECIAL SKILLS, QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE THAT YOU WOULD BRING TO SAFEHOUSE AS A VOLUNTEER VICTIM ADVOCATE _____

PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY YOU WOULD WISH TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER VICTIM ADVOCATE _____

PLEASE STATE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU FEEL MAY BE HELPFUL TO US IN CONSIDERING YOUR APPLICATION _____

LIST THREE REFERENCES THAT ARE NOT RELATED TO YOU:

NAME _____	ADDRESS _____
PHONE _____	YEARS KNOWN _____
NAME _____	ADDRESS _____
PHONE _____	YEARS KNOWN _____
NAME _____	ADDRESS _____
PHONE _____	YEARS KNOWN _____

THE FOLLOWING PAGE IS INFORMATION ON THE REQUIRED VICTIM ADVOCATE TRAINING THAT CAN BE COMPLETED ON-LINE.

PLEASE RETURN THIS APPLICATION AND THE TRAINING CERTIFICATE TO:

SAFEHOUSE SERVICES
714 W. FOX FARM RD.
CHEYENNE, WY 82007
307-634-8655
FAX 307-634-8657

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN BEING A SAFEHOUSE VOLUNTEER

Required Training

According to the DVS Rules all directors, staff and volunteers providing direct services to victims of crime shall complete a minimum of 40 hour training prior to providing unsupervised direct services. The DVS has approved the FREE Office of Victims of Crime (OVC) Victim Assistance Online training (<https://www.ovcttac.gov/vatonline>) to satisfy the 40 hour advocate training requirement. However, you may offer this only if it is consistent with your personnel training policies. It is up to each agency to decide if they want to offer this training to staff. Several agencies have established a training curriculum, the OVC training does not replace important community specific training rather it provides training to agency staff that does not have access to specialized victim assistance training. The OVC Victim Assistance Training (VAT) Online was designed to take approximately 35-40 hours to complete. VAT Online includes seven modules. The modules cover:

- Goals and how to navigate through the online training.
- Basic issues such as ethics and cultural competency that provide the foundation for victim services.
- Characteristics, prevalence and other information about 14 types of crimes.
- Core skills needed by victim service providers, such as establishing rapport, problem solving and crisis intervention.
- Information about specific topics and skills needed to provide services to specific populations.
- Information about and skills needed to collaborate with various types of systems, such as community-based, criminal justice-based, faith-based, and reservation-based systems.
- Challenging situations faced by victim service providers.

More information about VAT Online can be found at <https://www.ovcttac.gov/vatonline>.