



# Volunteer Application

Alachua County Victim Services & Rape Crisis Center

## Contact Information:

**Date:** Today's date

**Legal name:** Click here to enter text.

**Name you prefer to go by:** Click here to enter text.

**Street Address** (including city, state, and zip code): Click here to enter text.

**Phone Number:** Click here to enter text.

**E-Mail Address:** Click here to enter text.

## Experience/ History:

**Are you currently employed?** (check one) Yes  No

If yes, where: Click here to enter text.

**Are you currently a student?** (check one) Yes  No

If yes, where: Click here to enter text.

**What's the highest grade/level you have completed? If you have college experience, what major?** Click here to enter text.

**Tell us about your previous volunteer experience:** Click here to enter text.

**Have you ever been convicted of a felony criminal offense or violent misdemeanor?** (check one) Yes  No

If yes, state the nature of the crime(s), when and where convicted, and disposition of the case(s): Click here to enter text.

## Demographic Information (Optional)

This information is used solely to compile demographic data and is not required in order to become a volunteer. You may answer all, none, or some of the questions based on your comfort level.

### Race:

- Black/African-American                       White  
 American Indian/Alaskan Native                       Self-described  
 Asian/Pacific Islander

### Ethnicity:

- Hispanic/Latinx                       Not Hispanic/Latinx                       Self-described

### Age Group:

- 18-25                       26-35                       36-45                       46-60                       60+

### Gender:

- Female                       Male                       Self-described

### Preferred Pronouns:

- He/Him                       She/Her                       They/Them                       Self-described

**Do you need special accommodations?** (check one) Yes  No

If yes, please describe: [Click here to enter text.](#)

## Volunteer Tracks

ACVSRCC has two volunteer tracks. Please indicate which volunteer track(s) you are interested in pursuing:

**Helpline Counselor:**

Volunteers answer our 24/7 helpline, covering evening, weekend, and holiday shifts when our offices are closed. Volunteers carry a County-issued cell phone and respond to victims and citizens in our community seeking crisis counseling and resources. Helpline volunteers must successfully complete 40 hours of online and in-person training and must commit to a minimum of 36 helpline shifts over the course of 9 months.

**Community Ambassador:**

Volunteers assist program outreach staff by representing our agency at local outreach events, explaining program services to community members, and promoting awareness about sexual violence and local resources. Additionally, volunteers help organize and prepare for events and assist staff with performing general office duties as needed. Ambassadors must complete a short in-house training and are expected to participate in 2 hours of outreach work each week.

If you are interested in becoming a Community Ambassador, please indicate your availability to volunteer:

Days	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Times available:</b>	Click here to enter Monday availability.	Click here to enter Tuesday availability.	Click here to enter Wednesday availability.	Click here to enter Thursday availability.	Click here to enter Friday availability.	Click here to enter Saturday availability.	Click here to enter Sunday availability.

## Short Response Questions

**Why do you want to volunteer with us?** [Click here to enter text.](#)

**How did you hear about our program?** [Click here to enter text.](#)

**Please read each of the following scenarios and respond to the best of your current knowledge.**

If you are unsure of how to answer any of the questions within each scenario, feel free to make a note of that.

- 1) Taylor (age 45) has been having increasing nightmares over the last two weeks. He is a survivor of repeated child sexual assault by his uncle from the ages of 8-13. Two weeks ago, his uncle was released from prison after serving 30 years for raping Taylor. Taylor is afraid that his uncle will come after him. He never received counseling, because he is worried that no one would believe that a man could be a victim. What are some of the emotions that he may be feeling? What are some of the stereotypes about male rape and how would you address them? What might you say to Taylor to help support him?

[Click here to enter text.](#)

- 2) Last night, Harper had dinner with her ex-boyfriend, Carter, to try to reconcile. They have a history of dating violence and Harper has suffered several broken ribs caused by Carter, but he recently apologized to her and said that he changed. At dinner, Harper had a few glasses of wine and didn't feel safe to drive, so Carter drove her home. Once they arrived at her apartment, Carter refused to leave and forced her to have sex. She isn't sure it was rape and hasn't reported to the police. She feels like she should have known "better" than to trust him and let her guard down. She also still cares about him and doesn't want to ruin his life by calling the cops, but is afraid he's going to keep hurting her. What are some of the emotions that Harper may be feeling? What might you say to Harper to help support her? How would you handle her reluctance to report a former dating partner? Is rape ever the victim's fault?

[Click here to enter text.](#)

**Please write a short (2-3 sentence) response as if you were speaking to a citizen at a public event.**

- 1) "My girlfriend said she was raped, but she totally knew the person and just didn't want me to think she was cheating. It wasn't real rape, like what you guys deal with."
- 2) "I was sexually abused when I was a kid and I never told anyone."
- 3) "I made sure my kids went through self-defense training. They have strict curfews and they know not to talk to strangers. This would never happen to them."

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- 4) "My friend told me they were raped and I had no idea what to say."

[Click here to enter text.](#)

**Is there anything you would like to tell us that we have not asked?** [Click here to enter text.](#)

Sign below and send your completed application to Jessie Lazarchik at [jlazarchik@alachuacounty.us](mailto:jlazarchik@alachuacounty.us)

Sign Here  
*Applicant*

Today's date  
*Date*

## Contact Us

For more information about the Helpline Counselor program, contact Jessie Lazarchik at [jlazarchik@alachuacounty.us](mailto:jlazarchik@alachuacounty.us) or (352) 264-6767.

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