



*Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Make-A-Wish®. Our volunteer program is designed to give each volunteer a diverse and rewarding experience while working towards fulfilling our mission to grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.*

### **HOW DO I BECOME A VOLUNTEER?**

In order to provide the wish children and their families with the best experience possible, we require all potential volunteers to go through an assessment before becoming an active Make-A-Wish volunteer.

Volunteer paperwork takes about two weeks to screen. After this step has been completed, you will be contacted with detailed instructions as it relates to the next steps based on the opportunities you selected. Please note, volunteer opportunities vary across the state. If there is a surplus of volunteers in a specific area, the potential volunteer's application will be kept on file for when the need changes.

### **WHY DO I NEED A BACKGROUND CHECK?**

Due to the nature of our work, select volunteer positions must successfully complete a criminal background check every three years. Make-A-Wish does not employ or utilize as a volunteer any individual who has been convicted of a crime that (a) victimizes children, (b) is sexual in nature, or (c) involves violence, fraud, or significant theft. Please contact us with any questions related to past convictions and/or our background check screening process.

### **WHO DO I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS?**

Our team is happy to answer any questions or address any concerns that you may have.

- **Volunteer and Wish Assignment Coordinator**, Mary-Kate Lange  
(515) 334-2636 or [mklange@iowa.wish.org](mailto:mklange@iowa.wish.org)
- **Make-A-Wish** (800) 797-9474 or [www.iowa.wish.org](http://www.iowa.wish.org)

### **HOW DO I SUBMIT MY APPLICATION?**

Please complete and submit pages 2-5 of this packet to our office via fax, email or mail.

Make-A-Wish *insert chapter name*  
Attn: **Volunteer Services**  
Chapter Address  
Volunteer Manager Email  
Fax #

## PRIVACY & PROTECTION OF INFORMATION

Security of information is extremely important to us. All information submitted is available to and accessed by only relevant personnel. Information is never sold or shared outside of Make-A-Wish.



## Volunteer Application

Please note that all volunteer opportunities require completion of this application and a signed Conflict of Interest and Ethics Statement. Volunteers are also required to successfully complete training relevant to the desired opportunity. In addition, select opportunities require a criminal background check performed every three years.

### Personal Information

Title:	Name: First	Middle	Last
Nickname:			
Address: Street	City	State	Zip
County:	Birth Month:      Day:		
	I'm over the age of 18: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Phone: Home	Cell	Preferred Phone: <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell	
Email:			
T-Shirt Size:			

### Employment Information

Employer:	Position:		
Address: Street	City	State	Zip
Work Phone:	May We Contact You at Work? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Would your company be interested in becoming involved with Make-A-Wish? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			

### Emergency Contact Information

Emergency Contact:	Relationship:
Emergency Contact Phone:	

**Professional Skills** – Select those skills in which you have a professional capability and/or fluent.

- Construction / Carpentry, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_
- Entertainment Skills, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_
- Graphic Design / Art Design
- Interior Decorating
- Language, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_
- Photography
- Professional Certifications, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

- Scrapbooking
- Writing
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

- Airport Greeter – Meet and welcome wish families at the airport, assist arriving wish families with baggage and rental car arrangements or help departing wish families with check in and security. Ease any concerns the wish family has about navigating the airport and airline travel by making them feel comfortable as they begin their magical wish experience.
- Fundraising – Assist development team in seeking in-kind donations, write grant and/or sponsorship proposals, collaborate to build partnerships with local companies, or conduct research on local companies’ giving campaigns.
- Office – Assist with miscellaneous projects at the office, including phone calls, wish research, mailings, etc.
- Speaker’s Bureau – Speak at local community, school, business, or civic events increasing awareness and support for Make-A-Wish while educating audiences about the Make-A-Wish mission.
- Special Events – Plan, organize, and implement successful fundraising events by working on event committees, helping out on the event day, and/or participating in the event.
- Translator/Interpreter – Help facilitate wish experiences for non-English-speaking families. Translators have the option of becoming fully-trained wish granting volunteers, or they can provide short-term support on an as-needed basis.
- Wish Granting – As a member of a wish team, wish granters meet with the family, help the wish child determine the wish and act as a liaison between Make-A-Wish staff and the wish family during the wish process. Wish granters must be a minimum of 18 years old. Attendance at an in-depth training session is required.

### **Criminal Background Check Search / Address History**

Select opportunities require a criminal background check performed every three years. Our criminal background check search includes a social security number verification and search of all aliases used by the individual, as well as all records in the counties in which the individual has resided for at least seven years and in a national database. If you have lived outside of the US within the past 7 years, additional checks and/or proof of clearance may be required.

I have resided in the United States for the last 7 years:  Yes  No

In a few words, describe yourself and what motivated you to volunteer at this time in your life.

What are you looking to get out of this volunteer experience?

How did you hear about Make-A-Wish?

I affirm that the information I have given on this form is true and correct. The information that I have provided may be verified by contacting persons or organizations named in this application, or by contacting any person or organization that may have information concerning me, or by conducting a criminal background check.

I have read and understood the various volunteer roles and am able to perform those roles in which I've applied for. I am volunteering my time for personal reasons and understand I will not be paid for my services as a volunteer and I expect no compensation. Furthermore, I understand that this application will help in determining the best fit of my skills for Make-A-Wish.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



**ANNUAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND ETHICS ASSURANCE STATEMENT**

As an employee or volunteer of the Make-A-Wish Foundation (the "Foundation"), I have an obligation to the Foundation and the constituencies it serves to comply with the highest standards of ethical conduct. I will not commit acts contrary to those standards, and I will promptly report to appropriate Foundation representatives – either directly, or through MySafeWorkplace (a 24-hour confidential whistle-blower hotline that can be accessed at [www.MySafeWorkplace.com](http://www.MySafeWorkplace.com) or by calling 1-800-461-9330) – the commission of any such acts by others within the Foundation. I understand that my responsibilities include the following:

**Ethics and Legal Assurance**

- I will at all times: (a) perform my duties in accordance with relevant laws, regulations and Foundation policies and standards; (b) promote the attainment of the Foundation's legitimate and ethical objectives; and (c) represent the interests of all constituencies served by the Foundation and not favor special interests inside or outside the Foundation in connection with Foundation business.
- I will refrain from: (a) violating any criminal or civil law or regulation, the violation of which may reflect poorly on the Foundation; and/or (b) engaging in or supporting any activity that would discredit the Foundation.
- I will submit to a criminal background check every three years (or more frequently if required by the Foundation), and I agree to disclose at the time I execute this document and thereafter as the same may arise any official investigations of criminal activities, arrests and/or convictions involving me (other than for routine traffic offenses not involving drugs or alcohol).

**Conflict Of Interest**

- I will either avoid, or will promptly disclose and recuse myself from any decisions involving, any activity or practice which conflicts with, or can be perceived as conflicting with, the interests of the Foundation, including but not limited to situations where I, or a relative, friend or business acquaintance of mine, proposes to provide goods or services to the Foundation for consideration.
- I will refrain from using Foundation property or resources for personal profit or advantage, or for any purpose not related to the activities of the Foundation.
- I will refuse any personal gifts, loans, favors or other consideration of more than nominal value from any Foundation vendor, sponsor or other outside party that would influence, or could be perceived as influencing, my actions or the actions of others.

**Confidentiality**

- During my involvement with the Foundation and thereafter, I will maintain the confidentiality of any information regarding the Foundation, wish children and their families, donors and volunteers that has not been released publicly, unless legally obligated to do otherwise.
- I will refrain from using or appearing to use confidential information acquired in the course of my service for unethical or illegal advantage, either personally or through third parties.

***I have read, understand and agree to be bound by the above standards.***

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Print name Signature Date