



Volunteer Application

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Maiden Name (if different)
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Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone	Email Address	Date of Birth
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Are you a student? No Yes If so, list school _____

If you're a student, what are you studying? _____

If employed, where do you work? _____

How did you hear about Starfish Learning Center? _____

Why do you want to work with children? _____

What do you hope to learn from your time at Starfish? _____

What are your academic strengths? _____

What are your academic weaknesses? _____

Weekday(s) available? _____ Times available? _____

List special talents or abilities (i.e. music, theater, crafts, sports) _____

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? No Yes If yes, please explain _____

Please list two personal references (with phone numbers including area code)

I attest that the information I have supplied on this application is true and willingly submit to a background check to ensure the safety of the Starfish children. I also agree to complete the Illinois mandated reporter training.

Signature _____ Date _____

Soc. Sec. # _____ DL # _____ State _____

(Please show Social Security card and Driver's License to Starfish personnel for confirmation)



Volunteer Guidelines

Print your name: _____

Personally, volunteers should:

- Be in high school or above
- Understand basic concepts in math, language, and other academic subjects
- Not bring friends, children, siblings, etc., without staff approval when volunteering
- Not play games or work on computer separate from the children (unless approved)
- Enjoy working with children and show patience
- Be encouraging and positive role models
- Be flexible (in attitude, duty and activity)
- Seek no relationship with students outside of Starfish (unless approved)
- Never be alone with a child
- Feel welcome to suggest activities, outings or project ideas to staff
- Report all acts of student disobedience or disrespect to Starfish staff
- Complete the mandated reporter training

In working with children, volunteers should:

- Offer hints and direction; don't give children answers (help them to work it out)
- Encourage and assist; never yell at or belittle the children
- Never use physical discipline to control a misbehaving child
- Ask for help from Starfish staff if a student's homework is confusing or unclear
- Communicate all noteworthy accomplishments or problems with children to staff
- Respect that Starfish is biblically based and teaches about the Christian faith. Volunteers should not share personal beliefs that conflict with those taught at Starfish with the children.

If a volunteer's behavior or attitude toward a child or staff is deemed in any way unacceptable, the volunteer relationship will be terminated and he/she will not be allowed to participate at Starfish.

I understand and agree to abide by these guidelines while volunteering at Starfish Learning Center.

Signature _____ Date _____