KANSAS GUARDIANSHIP PROGRAM

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VOLUNTEER INFORMATION FORM

While this application may seem extensive, guardianship or conservatorship is a serious responsibility. Information herein is kept confidential.

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

LEGAL NAME				
ADDRESS		County of Residence		
City	ST	Zip Code		
Phone: Home	Work			
Email				
		Preferred Contact Phone Email		
Education and Training: Denote h	ighest completed level.			
High School	College	Graduate		
Are you presently enrolled in schoo	I?YesNo	If yes answer below:		
School	nool Course of Study			
Other educational or training prog	rams completed:			
Family Information:				
Spouse/Partner Name	Employm	ent/Occupation		
Children				
II. WORK HISTORY List your last three employers				
Present Employer		Position		
	of Employment End Date of Employment			
Previous Employer		Position		
City/State				
		End Date of Employment		
Previous Employer		Position		
City/State				
		End Date of Employment		

III. INFORMATION, HISTORY AND PREFERENCES

1. Do you have work experience and/or training in any of the following areas?

- Social Work Services/Supports for Adults Church Work Psychology/Counseling Services/Supports for Children Community Outreach ____ Other _____ Medical/Health Care Law Enforcement/Criminology Mental/Behavior Health
- Substance Abuse
- Education/Teaching News/Media/Public Speaking
- Other _____
- Other _____

If yes to any of the above, please describe:

2. **Community Activities and Memberships**

Organization	Position Held	City/State
Start Date	End Date	
Organization	Position Held	City/State
Start Date	End Date	
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Start Date	End Date	

3. How did you learn of the Kansas Guardianship Program?

- 4. Discuss why you are willing to serve as a court appointed guardian or conservator.
- 5. Are you currently (or have you ever) served as a guardian, conservator, representative payee, power of attorney or durable power of attorney for health care decisions? _____Yes _____No Number Served ______ If yes, please explain.
- 6. Describe your skills and experiences which may be relevant to serving as a guardian or conservator.
- 7. Please describe your philosophy and beliefs on being an advocate.
- 8. Preferences and interests related to serving as a guardian or conservator. Check all that apply.
 - Name of Specific Person _ Female Persons with Intellectual/Developmental Disability Male Persons with Mental/Behavioral Health No Preferences Persons with Illness Related to Aging
 - Persons with Other Intellectually Disabling Conditions
- 9. In what geographical area are you willing to serve? List by community or county name.

10. Do you have access to reliable transportation? _____Yes _____No If no, please explain.

IV. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The role of a guardian or conservator is to advocate for and protect the rights of the person receiving guardianship or conservatorship services. The advocate must be free of any appearance of personal or employer conflict of interest, self-serving gain, compromising influences and loyalties. For this reason, the KGP requests information on family members who may be employed by or providing services and supports to avoid any potential for conflict of interest when nominating a volunteer to serve as guardian or conservator.

Identify immediate family member(s) employed by a company or organization which provides individuals with services and supports (for example, nursing home, community mental health center, community developmental disability organization, community service provider, home health, etc.).

Name of Family Member	Relationship	Company/Organization Where Employed

Please share how you understand Conflict of Interest and how it relates to serving as a guardian or conservator.

V.	SELF ASSESSMENT	In each category listed below, rate your abilities. High = 5 Low = 1				
 KGP seeks volunteers who are compassionate, caring and able to serve as personal advocates. Act responsibly and appropriately to the needs of others. Interact with people of differing background and opinion Interact with persons with intellectual and behavioral health conditions Please comment on your ratings. 						
	seeks volunteers who are dependa Personal integrity and honesty Fulfill commitments in a timely r Complete reports/paperwork in se comment on your ratings.	anner Self-initiative				
	seeks volunteers able to make wis Willing to learn new information Follow guidelines and procedure se comment on your ratings.	and appropriate decisions regarding another person Make well-reasoned decisions Maintain accurate records/documentation				
	seeks volunteers able to make wis Manage finances Pay bills in a timely manner se comment on your ratings.	and appropriate decisions regarding another person's financial affairs. Maintain accurate financial records Reconcile bank and financial statements				

VI. PERSONAL AND FINANCIAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 1. Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic offense? If yes, provide dates and specific information.
- 2. Have you ever been involved with, charged and/or substantiated in a Department for Children and Families (DCF) investigation of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a child or an adult? If yes, provide dates and specific information.
- 3. Have you ever for filed bankruptcy? If yes, provide specific information including the type of bankruptcy, initial and/or discharge date, etc.
- 4. Have you ever been subject to foreclosure, garnishments, debt collections or other judgments? If yes, provide dates and specific information.

VII. BACKGROUND CHECKS

The KGP conducts criminal history and other background record checks to determine the appropriateness of a potential volunteer nominee to serve as a court appointed guardian or conservator.

- 1. The KGP requires a signed Release of Information (ROI) to access the Department for Children and Families Adult (DCF) Abuse Central (ANE) Registry and the DCF Child Abuse Registry. KGP also requires a signed (ROI) for a criminal background check.
- 2. A potential volunteer will receive the ROI's to sign and return to KGP allowing the KGP to conduct these background checks.
- VIII. AFFIRMATION

I hereby affirm that all the answers provided on my Volunteer Information Form are true.

- I understand the information obtained through references and background checks will be confidential and for the exclusive use of the Kansas Guardianship Program.
- I acknowledge KGP will provide certain personal information to Department for Children and Families (DCF), Kansas Department for Aging and Disabilities (KDADS) and the Court necessary to fulfill the statutory requirements for nomination of guardian or conservator.
 - I understand if the criminal history and other background record checks reveal information different than my prior statements, it may affect my becoming a KGP volunteer.

In signing below, I verify the information provided herein to be true and accurate.

IX. REFERENCES

Provide information for **SIX** people you have known for <u>at least one year</u>. **DO NOT USE RELATIVES.** References can include employers, professional contacts or friends. Please notify the listed references to expect contact from the Kansas Guardianship Program. **Please print clearly and provide all information requested.**

REFERENCE INFORMATION		KGP Office Use Only
Name: E-Mail: Address: City:STZip Phone:	Relationship: 	Reference Sent:
Name:	Relationship: 	References Sent:
City:STZip Phone:	Length of Time Known:	Ref Received:
Name: E-Mail:	Relationship:	References Sent:
Address:STZip City:STZip Phone:	(Friend, co-worker, etc.) Length of Time Known:	Ref Received:
Name: E-Mail:	Relationship:	References Sent:
Address:STZip City:STZip Phone:	(Friend, co-worker, etc.) Length of Time Known:	Ref Received:
Name: E-Mail:	Relationship:	References Sent:
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Address:	(Friend, co-worker, etc.) Length of Time Known:	Ref Received: