



SAN JUAN COUNTY CASA PROGRAM VOLUNTEER REFERENCE REQUEST

Re: _____

Date: _____

Dear _____,

The above referenced applicant has applied as a volunteer to our program and has given you as a reference. CASA volunteers provide information on children who are abused and neglected, making recommendations to the Court as to a child's best interest. This reference form will be used to assess the applicant's ability to carry out the role of a Court Appointed Special Advocate. Selected applicants will receive a minimum of 30 hours of training and ongoing program supervision. Your information will enable us to assess the applicant's ability to serve as a CASA Volunteer. Please use the enclosed envelope to return this Questionnaire. ***Thank you.***

(ALL INFORMATION RECEIVED WILL BE HELD CONFIDENTIAL IN EVERY RESPECT)

1. In what capacity have you known the applicant? _____
For how long? _____
2. How well do you know the applicant? Very well ___ Well ___ Average ___
Good ___ Extreme Conflict ___ Doesn't Apply ___
3. Applicant's relationship to own children, if applicable? Good ___ Average ___
Mild Conflict ___ Extreme Conflict ___ Doesn't Apply ___
4. Applicant's relationship to youth in general. *(Check as many as are applicable)*
Understanding ___ Impatient ___ Patient ___ Well Liked ___ Friendly ___
Distant ___ Stern ___
5. Applicant's relationship with people in general. *(Check as many as are applicable)*
Warm ___ Shallow ___ Sincere ___ Cool ___ Loyal ___ Shy ___
6. How would you describe the applicant's friendships? *(Check as many as are applicable)*
Many friends constantly changing ___ Few friends constantly changing ___
Many friends loyal ___ Few friends loyal ___ Average ___ No friends ___
7. How would you rate applicant's health? Average ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Poor ___

8. Check as many of the following as describe the applicant. Domineering____ Cooperative____
Leader____ Follower____ Confident____ Happy____ Unhappy____ Friendly____
Considerate____ Stubborn____ Moody____ Assertive____ Reserved____ Lazy____
Nervous____ Well-adjusted____
9. To what extent is this applicant aware of his/her shortcomings?
Feels she/he has none____ Strives to overcome them____ Ignores them____
Accepts them____ Unknown____
10. Check those of the following that describe the applicant's temperament? Stable____ Easily
upset____ Impatient____ Patient____ Hot-tempered____
11. Do you consider this applicant emotionally stable? Yes____ Usually____
If no, why not? _____
12. Describe the applicant's ability to be flexible? Excellent____ Good____ Average____ Fair____
Poor____
13. How does the applicant assume responsibility? Excellent____ Good____ Average____ Fair____
Poor____
14. How well does applicant finish projects or activities begun? Very well____ Well____
Average____ Fair____ Poor____
15. How would you rate the applicant's ability to handle confidential information? Excellent____
Good____ Fair____ Poor____ Cannot maintain confidentiality____
16. How would you rate the applicant's ability to be objective, not judging other's behavior or
lifestyles?
Very accepting of others____ Somewhat bothered by lifestyles different than own____ Critical of
others who live and act differently____
17. Is this applicant critical or somewhat bothered by different ethnic backgrounds? No____ Yes____
If yes, explain _____
18. In your opinion, has the applicant ever had a drug or alcohol problem? No____ Yes____
If yes, explain _____
19. Has the applicant ever had his/her driver's license revoked or suspended? No____ Not to my
knowledge____ Yes____ If yes, explain_____
20. Has this applicant ever been accused, arrested, or convicted of a crime? No____
Not to my knowledge____ Yes____ If yes, explain_____
21. In a few words, please summarize what your overall reaction or feelings are towards this applicant.

22. Would you be comfortable having the applicant as an Advocate for a member of your family?
Yes____ No____ If no, why not?_____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____