

Welcome

Thank you for your interest in the Volunteer/Internship Program with the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services. The Department is one of South Carolina's finest law enforcement agencies and we are the third largest law enforcement agency in the state.

This packet will provide you with helpful information on what is required to become a volunteer or intern with the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services. We consider our staff to be our greatest asset which is reflected in our core values and mission.



Visit us on the website: www.dppps.sc.gov

Mission Statement:

Prepare offender under our supervision toward becoming productive members of the community

Provide assistance to victims of crimes, the courts, and the Parole Board; and to;

Protect public trust and safety

Department's Vision:

Our vision is to be recognized nationally as a catalyst for positive change in the lives of the offenders, a force for public safety, and a leader in victim services and a responsible steward of public funds.

Department's Values:

- Honesty and Integrity
- Dignity and Respect
- Diversity and Equal Opportunity
- Openness and Teamwork
- Innovation and Performance Excellence
- Accountability

Our Motto: Prepare. Provide. Protect.

We consider our interns and volunteers to be a valuable asset to our organization. As a volunteer/intern, you will have interaction with people from all walks of life both as your mentors and those to whom you will provide services. It is our expectation that you will interact with those you meet in a professional and ethical manner at all time; whether you are in the office setting, court room or in any other supporting role. You will be held accountable for executing the Department's mission and adhering to our core values which ultimately guide the services we provide.

Our goal is to identify individuals that possess our Department values and ultimately select individuals that are the right fit for the Department. In considering the participants for our internship, we attempt to match the skills, abilities and other interests of the applicant with our various divisions and offices across the state of South Carolina.

The following information is being provided to assist you in successfully preparing your application and supporting materials for the Volunteer/Internship Program with the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services.

Required Documentation:

- Internship Application (completed in its entirety)
- Information and Agreement Acknowledgement
- Three References (non-family member)
- Letter of Interest-
 - Why have you selected SCDPPPS as your preferred Agency?
 - What are your career aspirations?
 - What other areas of interest have prepared you for this experience?
 - What do you expect to gain from this experience?
 - Provide the name of your college or university and course of study.
- Copy of Driver's License
- Employee Non-Disclosure Agreement and Authorization of State Criminal Records Check

Additional Information:

- Acceptance into the program is not a promise of employment
- This is an un-paid position and all participation is voluntary
- You will be required to submit to background investigation
- You may be drug tested
- Any information provided in your application or thereafter deemed to be untruthful may be grounds for dismissal from the program.



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 Application For: Volunteer Intern Shadowing

START DATE _____ END DATE _____

Last		First		Middle		Date of Birth	
Name							
Street		City		State		Zip Code	
Address							
Social Security Number (Last 4 digits only) XXX - XX -				E-mail Address		Race	Sex

Education		
Current Level	Will you receive school credit for work? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes indicate school name, address and a contact person.	
School Name	Address	Contact Person

Employment		
Current Employer's Name		Address
Supervisor's Name		Phone
Have you ever been dismissed from any organization as a volunteer or Intern? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, Explain:		

References <i>Please attach Volunteer/Intern Support Reference Sheet (3 References Required)</i>		
Name	Address	Phone
Name	Address	Phone
Name	Address	Phone

Experience
If you have volunteered or interned before, please list the organizations and responsibilities:

Availability	[Please indicate the times that you can work]			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

Work Area
Which area would you prefer? <input type="checkbox"/> Administration Services <input type="checkbox"/> Offender Services <input type="checkbox"/> Support Services

Referral
How did you hear about the Program?

Criminal History
Have you ever been arrested or convicted of a criminal offense? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, explain.

Emergency	In case of an emergency, please contact:		
Name	Address	Phone	Relationship

Agreement	
I understand that a Criminal Justice Check will be conducted by the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services via the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) Records.	
Applicant Signature	Date

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Volunteer/Intern Services Program Information and Agreements

Confidentiality Agreement

I understand that I am required to maintain confidentiality concerning my duties performed with the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services. As a participant in the Volunteer and Intern Services Program with the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services all volunteers/interns are required to complete the SLED CJIS Security Awareness Training. In addition, all participants must complete the Employee Non-Disclosure Agreement and Authorization of State and National Criminal Records Check.

As a volunteer/intern you will have access to both electronic and written information. You may also be authorized to use computer information terminals. These terminals shall be used for the purposes of obtaining information necessary to perform duties pertinent to your job description, and in compliance with the Policies and Procedures of the Department. Any misuse of computer terminals, or the information received, (i.e. using the terminals for personal reasons, or supplying information to unauthorized persons), may result in dismissal from the Department.

After reading the above agreement, I understand and agree to protect the confidentiality of electronic and written information and comply with the laws, regulations and policies controlling the use of information.

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Placement Agreement

The following conditions shall be adhered to by all volunteers/interns for the period of their affiliation with the S. C. Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services:

Volunteers/Interns will learn the mission of the Department and the Volunteers/Interns Services Program and will conduct himself/herself and carry out his/her assigned job tasks in a manner which is conducive to the promotion of those missions.

Volunteers/Interns are expected to review the Volunteer/Intern Training/Orientation Handbook and all relevant policies outlined in the Department's Policy and Procedure Manual, as listed below, and to adhere to all rules and regulations governing S. C. Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services (SCDPPPS) employees.

Policies: 124, 1200, 1402, 1404, 1405

Volunteers/Interns are exempt from certain privileges granted to permanent state employees, to include:

A) Hours of Work B) Rate of Compensation C) Leave Time D) Employee Benefits E) Grievance Rights

Volunteers/Interns are to maintain strict confidentiality of SCDPPPS records, offenders, employees, and other information at all times. Volunteers/Interns will maintain a professional image at all times during the performance of their job duties.

Volunteers/Interns are expected to respect the professional status of SCDPPPS personnel, and are to refrain from excessive fraternization with SCDPPPS Personnel.

Volunteers/Interns are expected to maintain established work hours unless permission to alter is granted by the immediate supervisor/program coordinator. Volunteers/Interns will provide sufficient notification to their immediate supervisor of any schedule changes or problems.

Volunteers/Interns are expected to properly maintain time sheets and submit them to their immediate supervisor by the first of each month. Volunteers/Interns are expected to complete all assignments and tasks promptly and as requested.

Volunteers/Interns are to immediately notify their supervisor upon completion of assigned tasks so that new tasks can be assigned. Volunteers/Interns will be assigned to an immediate supervisor and will receive assignments from this supervisor or a program coordinator.

Volunteers/Interns assigned to a specific work area are expected to properly maintain the area, and are expected to restrict their activities to those work areas which are applicable to their current duties.

Volunteers/Interns are subject to disciplinary or withdrawal procedures when policy or rule infractions occur. The involuntary withdrawal of a volunteer/intern may occur without oral or written explanation, and is not grievable with the SCDPPPS.

Volunteers/Interns will attend and complete the Training/Orientation Program. On-the-Job Training and In-Service Training will be completed at the discretion of the immediate supervisor, a program coordinator, or the Volunteer/Intern Services Program Coordinator.

Volunteers/Interns will receive a performance evaluation(s) during their affiliation with the SCDPPPS. Satisfactory performance may result in the retainment of a volunteer/intern; however, unsatisfactory performance may result in the dismissal of the volunteer/intern.

Volunteers/Interns will participate in an exit interview prior to the completion of their service with the SCDPPPS.

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Volunteer/Intern Services Program Information and Agreements

Hold Harmless Agreement

As a condition of participating in the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services (SCDPPPS) Volunteers/Intern Services Program, I, the undersigned, hereby waive any and all claims and demands and agree to hold SCDPPPS, and its' employees harmless from any and all claims and demands which I may in the future have for any injury to my person or my property resulting from my participation in the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services Volunteer/Intern Services Program.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have voluntarily entered into this Hold Harmless Agreement.

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Auto Insurance Statement

As a participant of the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services (SCDPPPS) Volunteer/Intern Services Program, I understand that I will be responsible for providing my own transportation to and from work and during the execution of my position responsibilities. I understand that the SCDPPPS does not, in any manner, provide any type of automobile insurance coverage for the Volunteer/Intern Services Program, its' volunteers, or its' offenders.

This is to further state that I have been advised by the SCDPPPS that volunteers/interns are expected to abide by all S. C. State Laws regarding Automobile Insurance, Driver Licensing, Vehicle Maintenance, and Vehicle Operation. I understand that all volunteers/interns, authorized by the SCDPPPS to provide offender transportation, are expected to maintain, at least, the minimum Automobile Insurance coverage required by S. C. State Law. I have been advised by the SCDPPPS to notify my Automobile Insurance carrier of my participation in the Volunteer/Intern Services Program.

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Agreement Signature

Intern's Signature:

Date:

I have read and fully understand the contents of these policies and each agreement contained therein and agree to adhere to each of them as a condition of my affiliation with the S.C. Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services. I have participated in the Training/Orientation program and I understand the purpose of Department's policy and procedures manual and how to utilize it. I also have received a copy of the Volunteer/Intern Services Program manual and have received training on its' contents and use.

Witness's Signature

Date:

South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services Volunteer/Intern Support Reference Sheet

Applicant Name _____ Reference Name _____

(Street, P.O. Box, Apt. #) _____ (Street, P.O. Box, Apt. #)

(City, State and Zip Code) _____ (City, State and Zip Code)

Telephone#: _____ Telephone#: _____

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Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Please rate the applicant on the following skills, abilities and knowledge using the following scale: High
5 4 3 2 1
Low

1) Is receptive to input from others and uses information for personal and professional development	7) Ability to think critically to help advance an organization	
2) Possess the ability to work well independently	8) Ability to achieve goals by working effectively with others	
3) Willingness to claim the role of a leader and serves as an example to others	9) Has the courage to ask for assistance and utilize available resources	
4) Possess the ability to motivate others positively	10) Ability to organize and maintain good order	
5) Possess the ability to handle adverse situations and solve problems in a positive manner	11) Knows how to set performance objectives, manage and measure progress	
6) Has the capacity to self-reflect and organize priorities and values	12) Possess the ability to gather facts and communicate findings clearly, both orally and in writing	

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? _____

What is the applicant's greatest strength? _____

In what area(s) would the applicant need additional training/support? (Please support your opinion) _____

Please check the statement which best describes your opinion about this applicant for a volunteer/intern support position.

- This applicant is a proven leader in every sense of the word. He/she has initiated or accepted leadership roles and has been successful.
- This applicant has great potential to be a leader. He/she has the training and experiences to make this a reality.
- This applicant has taken relevant course work, but I have not observed him/her in any significant leadership role. I would suggest additional leadership skill building opportunities.
- This applicant has had some leadership opportunities. I would suggest that he/she might need to improve in the area(s) of:

- I am aware of past leadership experiences of this applicant and have reservations about him/her pursuing other leadership positions.
- No comment. Other: _____

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