

SUICIDE PREVENTION SERVICES OF AMERICA
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Application for Paraprofessional Volunteer Position

Please type or write in the answers to the questions below and return to:
Stephanie Dewinski
Coordinator of Volunteers
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| How did you learn about the paraprofessional training program at Suicide Prevention Services? |
| Date: |
| Name: |
| Street address: |
| City: |
| State: |
| Zip code: |
| Home phone: |
| Mobile phone: |
| Email: |

Date of birth:

Emergency Contact:

Name: _____ **Phone number:** _____

Relationship: _____

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Relationship: _____

Last school attended:

Highest level of education attained:

Relevant certifications, licenses, trainings, courses:

Are you able to commit to 1 year of service (approximately 20 hours / month) after training?

Yes

No

When are you available for training?

Weekday mornings

Weekday afternoons

Weekday evenings

Weekends

Flexible

Permanent shift preferences (after training is complete): Note that you do not have to commit to this time. We are almost always in need of weekend and late evening shift coverage.

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Have you had a traumatic personal experience that might impact your work as a hotline paraprofessional? If yes, please describe.

Describe any experience (work, educational, volunteer) that you think would help your role at Suicide Prevention Services:

What motivates you to become a suicide hotline paraprofessional?

Personal References for Paraprofessional Volunteer Position Application

List 3 personal references (***NOT RELATED TO YOU***) with **complete address** including zip code.
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

Name _____ Relationship _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone number(s) _____ email _____

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Rate your commitment (1=low; 5=high)

1 2 3 4 5

Rate your empathy (1=low; 5=high)

1 2 3 4 5

Rate your punctuality (1=low; 5=high)

1 2 3 4 5

Rate your flexibility (1=low; 5=high)

1 2 3 4 5

Rate your open-mindedness (1=low; 5=high)

1 2 3 4 5

Rate your motivation (1=low; 5=high)

1 2 3 4 5

Rate your self-confidence (1=low; 5=high)

1 2 3 4 5

Rate your ability to relate with others (1=low; 5=high)

1 2 3 4 5

Rate your positive attitude (1=low; 5=high)

1 2 3 4 5

Rate your oral communication skills (1=low; 5=high)

1 2 3 4 5

Rate your ability to tolerate anxiety (1=low; 5=high)

1 2 3 4 5

How would your best friend describe you?

What aspects of personal growth are you currently working on? List and describe 3.

What are three words you would use to describe yourself? Please list and explain.

Please describe a challenging situation you have faced in which you experienced personal growth.

What questions do you have about this position?

Have you had a traumatic personal experience that might impact your work as a hotline paraprofessional? If yes, please describe.

Describe your life right now.

Describe the way you typically handle interpersonal conflict (for example, conflict between your and a loved one, or between you and a friend)

What is your preference for supervision?

Describe what you would consider a challenging phone call.

Long term, what challenges do you foresee in taking phone calls?

Do you have any fears about working on the hotline?

Do you feel your religious/spiritual beliefs would help or hinder your work with callers?

If accepted, what would SPS staff need to know about you to support your wellbeing?

What difficulties would you have talking to a caller about religion?

What difficulties would you have talking to a caller about abortion?

What difficulties would you have talking to a caller about domestic abuse?

What difficulties would you have talking to a caller about gender identity?

What difficulties would you have talking with a caller about rape?

What difficulties would you have talking with a caller about suicide?

What difficulties would you have talking with a caller about grief?

What difficulties would you have talking with a caller about sex?

Have you ever faced a significant crisis? If yes, how long ago?

How did you resolve the crisis?

Have you ever been hospitalized for psychiatric reasons? If yes, when?
(Note: answering "yes" does not automatically preclude paraprofessional work.)

How often do you use alcohol and other drugs?

Are you in counseling or have you been so in past 3 years?

If currently in counseling, what does your counselor think of your desire to become a paraprofessional?

What are your thoughts about counseling?

Have you ever attempted suicide? If so, when?
(Note: answering "yes" does not automatically preclude paraprofessional work.)

Has anyone close to you ever attempted or died by suicide? If yes, please describe your involvement and tell us when this happened.

If a friend confided in you that they were suicidal, what would you do?

A caller has just found out that she has tested positive for HIV. What emotions might she be experiencing?

A caller is being bullied about his physical appearance and sexual orientation. What emotions may he be experiencing?

A caller has just discovered that her 2-year-old daughter has been sexually abused. What emotions may this mother be experiencing?

A caller has lost his job of 18 years because of his drinking problem. What emotions may this man be experiencing?

SCENARIO: Caller has just broken up with their significant other. Caller is extremely upset, crying hysterically. Caller shares that the relationship broke up because of their significant other's problematic use of alcohol. Caller wants your help. First, what feelings might the caller be experiencing?

What would you do to help the caller?

What does making a commitment mean to you?

I understand that in order to secure a spot in the Suicide Hotline Paraprofessional Training Program (if I am offered one after the interview process),I must make a payment of \$35, which will help cover the costs of training materials.

Yes No

I understand that this is not a remote location volunteering opportunity and that if accepted into the training program that the training and volunteering will take place in person, onsite.

Yes No

Thank you for your interest in Suicide Prevention Services.

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