



Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Make-A-Wish® Mid-Atlantic. Our volunteer program is designed to give each volunteer a diverse and rewarding experience while working toward fulfilling our mission to grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.

HOW DO I BECOME A VOLUNTEER?

In order to provide wish children and their families with the best experience possible, we require all potential volunteers to go through an assessment before becoming an active Make-A-Wish Mid-Atlantic volunteer.

After your paperwork is processed, you will be contacted with detailed instructions about next steps based on the opportunities you selected.

WHY DO I NEED A BACKGROUND CHECK?

Due to the nature of our work, select volunteer positions must successfully complete a criminal background check every three years. Make-A-Wish does not employ, or utilize as a volunteer, any individual who has been convicted of a crime that (a) victimizes children, (b) is sexual in nature, or (c) involves violence, fraud, or significant theft. Please contact us with any questions related to past convictions and/or our background check screening process.

WHO DO I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS?

Our team is happy to answer questions or address any concerns that you may have. Call us at (301) 962-WISH (9474) or email us at volunteer@midatlantic.wish.org.

HOW DO I SUBMIT MY APPLICATION?

Please complete and submit pages 2-5 of this packet to our office via email, mail or fax.

Volunteer references (sent as a separate document) may be submitted with the application or directly from the reference if applicable.

Make-A-Wish Mid-Atlantic
5272 River Rd. Suite 700
Bethesda, MD 20816
volunteer@midatlantic.wish.org
Fax: (301) 656-2857

PRIVACY & PROTECTION OF INFORMATION

Security of information is extremely important to us. All information submitted is available to and accessed by only relevant personnel. Information is never sold or shared outside of Make-A-Wish.



For office use only:

- RE _____
- Reference 1 _____
- Reference 2 _____
- Interview _____
- Background check _____

Volunteer Application

Please note that all volunteer opportunities require completion of this application and a signed Conflict of Interest and Ethics Statement. Volunteers are also required to successfully complete training relevant to the desired opportunity. In addition, select opportunities require a criminal background check performed every three years.

Personal Information

Title:	Name: <small>First</small>	Middle	Last
Nickname:			
Address: <small>Street</small>		City	State Zip
County (ex: Kent, Fairfax, Wicomico):		Birth Month/Day: I'm over the age of 18: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Phone: <small>Home</small>	Cell	Preferred Phone: <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell	
Email:			

Employment Information

Employer:	Position:		
Address: <small>Street</small>	City	State	Zip
Work Phone:	May We Contact You at Work? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Would your company be interested in becoming involved with Make-A-Wish Mid-Atlantic? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			

Emergency Contact Information

Emergency Contact:	Relationship:
Emergency Contact Phone:	

Weekday Daytime Availability: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Professional Skills – Select those skills in which you have a professional capability and/or fluent.

- Construction / Carpentry, please specify: _____
- Entertainment Skills, please specify: _____
- Graphic Design / Art Design
- Interior Decorating
- Language, please specify: _____

- Photography
- Professional Certifications, please specify: _____
- Scrapbooking
- Writing
- Other: _____

Volunteer Opportunities

Community Leadership Council – Help spread the word about Make-A-Wish Mid-Atlantic and raise funds by planning events with local businesses, community groups, or among friends. Examples include: Work with your favorite restaurant or retail store to organize a night where proceeds benefit Make-A-Wish Mid-Atlantic.

Event Committee- Assist and organize efforts on logistics, sponsorship, recruitment and publicity. Make-A-Wish Mid-Atlantic has event committees for our Walk For Wishes®, galas and other internal events.

Office Volunteer - During normal business hours help with administrative tasks and special office projects.

Special Event Volunteer – Join us for one of Make-A-Wish Mid-Atlantic’s fun events. Events are held throughout the year and across our territory.

Development Volunteer – There are multiple ways to support the development efforts at Make-A-Wish Mid-Atlantic. Development Volunteers would work with an assigned member of our development staff based on their interests, background and skills. Opportunities include joining an event committee, hosting a fundraiser, making introductions and recruiting groups or individuals for our walks among others.

Wish Granting – Work in teams of two to help make wishes come true. This involves interviewing the child and family to determine the wish, working with staff to help fulfill the wish, helping the child stay engaged while waiting for the wish to happen, and throwing a wish party when the wish is granted. We are looking for volunteers who can make a long-term commitment (minimum of two years). ***Please submit two reference forms in addition to the volunteer application.*

Wish Support Volunteer – Volunteers will assist in carrying out wishes to have room re-dos and/or electronic wishes. For room re-do’s, support is needed to build furniture, paint walls, and complete general cosmetic room changes. If you have experience in Interior Design, support is needed for designing rooms and layouts. For electronic wishes, support is needed to install and/or set up electronic devices to be prepared for wish child use. Volunteers will be contacted as these opportunities arise.

Please circle which opportunities you are interested in:

Room Re-do Interior Design Electronic Wishes

Other _____

In a few words, describe yourself and what motivated you to volunteer at this time in your life.

What are you looking to get out of this volunteer experience?

How did you hear about Make-A-Wish Mid-Atlantic?

I affirm that the information I submitted on this form is true and correct. The information that I have provided may be verified by contacting persons or organizations named in this application, or by contacting any person or organization that may have information concerning me, or by conducting a criminal background check.

I have read and understand the various volunteer roles and am able to perform those roles for which I have applied. I am volunteering my time for personal reasons and understand I will not be paid for my services as a volunteer and I expect no compensation. Furthermore, I understand that this application will help in determining the best fit of my skills for Make-A-Wish Mid-Atlantic.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____