

YMCA OF GREATER ERIE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT APPLICATION FOR ADULT VOLUNTEERS

The YMCA of Greater Erie's priority is the safety of our members and program participants. In order to ensure the safety of YMCA participants, the YMCA of Greater Erie will perform background checks on volunteers, who will work with children, or may come in contact with children during the course of their volunteer experience. Such individuals will be required to maintain satisfactory records as a condition of volunteerism. In addition, the YMCA of Greater Erie may periodically perform background checks randomly on volunteers who have been previously checked and who continue to be involved in a position with the YMCA of Greater Erie whereby YMCA policy would require such background checks of such individual.

The Y utilizes the National Sex Offender website and V-Soft Program by Raptor Technologies to check whether volunteers are cleared to work in specific YMCA programs. The "Raptor" program checks a database of 48 states to determine a person is a Sexual Predator/Offender or has a criminal record that would preclude them from working in a specific Y program. The Y has purchased a license to utilize the software which allows the Y to conduct this search. A volunteer submits their information and the information is sent through the Internet to the Raptor Server where it is checked against the Raptor Sexual Predator/Offender & Criminal Database. Before making any adverse action which is based on the information received from the background check, the YMCA of Greater Erie will notify you in writing and will provide you with a copy of the report.

In consideration of my volunteer eligibility (or continued volunteer eligibility if I am currently a volunteer) with the YMCA of Greater Erie:

(Please Print)

I, _____, hereby authorize and give consent for the YMCA of Greater Erie to run a background check to ensure my qualifications as a volunteer. I swear/affirm that I have not been named as a perpetrator of a founded report of child abuse or as an individual responsible for a founded report as defined by the Child Protective Services Law. I swear/affirm that I have not been convicted of any of the following crimes under Title 18 of the Pennsylvania consolidated statutes or equivalent crime in another state:

Chapter 25	(relating to criminal homicide)
Section 2702	(relating to aggravated assault)
Section 2709	(relating to stalking)
Section 2901	(relating to kidnapping)
Section 2902	(relating to unlawful restraint)
Section 3121	(relating to rape)
Section 3122.1	(relating to statutory sexual assault)
Section 3123	(relating to involuntary deviate sexual intercourse)
Section 3124.1	(relating to sexual assault)
Section 3125	(relating to aggravated indecent assault)
Section 3126	(relating to indecent assault)
Section 3127	(relating to indecent exposure)
Section 4302	(relating to incest)
Section 4303	(relating to concealing death of child)
Section 4304	(relating to endangering welfare of children)
Section 4305	(relating to dealing in infant children)
Section 5902 (b)	(relating to prostitution and related offenses)
Section 5903 (c) (d)	(relating to obscene and other sexual material and performances)
Section 6301	(relating to corruption of minors)
Section 6312	(relating to sexual abuse of children), or an equivalent crime under Federal law or the law of another state.

I have not been convicted of a felony offense under Act 64-1972 (relating to the controlled substance, drug devise and cosmetic act) committed within the past five years.

I understand that I must be dismissed if I am named as a reported sex offender or listed on the National Sex Offender registry or have been convicted of any of the crimes listed above.

I understand that I am not under obligation to pay for the background check and that YMCA will incur all costs related to the background check.

I hereby release from liability and promise to hold harmless under any and all possible claims or causes of action (i) any and all persons or entities who shall furnish such information to the YMCA of Greater Erie, its officers, agents or employees, and (ii) the YMCA of Greater Erie, its officers, agents or employees for any statements, acts or omissions in the course of obtaining said information. Furthermore, I understand that this release is signed, free from duress, and with the full knowledge and understanding that any information obtained will be used in assessing my relative volunteer eligibility with the YMCA of Greater Erie. By my signature below, I hereby acknowledge the information outlined above and I also authorize the YMCA of Greater Erie to obtain such records.

Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

Witness Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____