

Volunteer Application
Bell County Law Enforcement Center
J.A.I.L. Ministry, Inc.

All blanks within this application must be filled in completely. Any areas left blank will delay the processing of your application.

If a blank does not apply enter N/A in the blank.

Thank you for being obedient to “The Great Commission”
Your blessing is guaranteed in heaven!

“ . . . I was in prison, and you came to me.”

Ref. Matthew 25:36 NASB

“ . . . To the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.”

Ref. Matthew 25:40 NASB

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Dear Applicant,

We are very proud of the volunteer participation in the various programs that are delivered within the Bell County Jail. It is, however, necessary to evaluate each volunteer prior to gaining access to the facility

Prior to completing this application, you should be aware that a background investigation (including criminal history) will be conducted.

Rejected applicants, and their sponsors, are advised “we do not consider them appropriate at this time.” Further information will not be released.

Accepted applicants, and their sponsors, will be advised of acceptance. You will then be admitted to the facility, subject to the requirements of the program and the rules you have agreed to follow.

With this understanding, you are encouraged to complete the application information. Your interest in volunteer programming is appreciated. We look forward to reviewing your application.

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST: _____ MI: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ D.L.#: _____ S.S.#: _____ STATE: _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: _____

OCCUPATION OR POSITION: _____

HOME TELEPHONE: _____ WORK TELEPHONE: _____

PROGRAM VOLUNTEERED FOR: _____ REFERRED BY: _____

EXPLAIN YOUR INTEREST IN THIS VOLUNTEER J.A.I.L. PROGRAM:

_____/_____/_____/_____ / _____ / _____ / _____
Applicant Signature Date Approved By Date

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DATE: _____ SEX: M _____ F _____ RACE: _____

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST: _____ MI: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ST.: _____

ZIP: _____ HOME TELEPHONE: _____ WORK TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____ CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: _____

PASTOR: _____ CHURCH ADDRESS: _____

CHURCH PHONE: _____ CHURCH EMAIL: _____

WHY DO YOU WANT TO MINISTER TO INMATES? _____

IF YOU WERE TO DIE RIGHT NOW, WHY SHOULD GOD LET YOU ENTER INTO HIS HEAVEN?

On the reverse side of this form you may write your Salvation experience.

DO'S

1. Be yourself
2. Be a good listener
3. Follow all established rules and guidelines
4. Seek help when needed.
5. Be courteous and cooperative.
6. Share personal testimonies and reports of victory and answered prayer.
7. Know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior.
8. Be willing to learn.

DON'TS

1. Don't "Preach" at an inmate. Try to help an inmate establish a healthy respect for him or herself.
2. Don't ask an inmate about his or her crime.
3. Don't make promises you can't keep.
4. Don't visit the inmate's family or friends without his or her permission and consent.
5. Don't take sides against authorities.
6. Don't argue with inmates.
7. Don't be manipulated or "Conned" by inmates.
8. Don't run errands, deliver messages, or make phone calls for inmates.
9. Don't stress denomination or doctrine. Stress Jesus Christ and His Lordship.

I UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE GUIDELINES FOR MINISTERING IN THE BELL COUNTY JAIL THROUGH J.A.I.L. MINISTRY, INC. AND I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT I AM RESPONSIBLE AND ACCOUNTABLE FOR FOLLOWING THEM.

SIGNATURE

DATE

APPROVED BY CHAPLAIN

DATE

10. Other Don'ts – I understand the following:

- Don't Start late
- Don't Discuss inmate's guilt or innocence
- Don't Discuss other inmate circumstances
- Don't Give or accept gifts or favors
- Don't Carry contraband or messages
- Don't Discuss conditions of confinement
- Don't Use profane language
- Don't Give out your telephone number or address
- Don't Wear provocative clothing
- Don't Wear gang clothing or paraphernalia
- Don't Wear clothing with advertisements
- Don't Give an inmate anything

I understand all of the rules and agree to abide by them. Further, I also understand that I must treat all inmates equally and fairly without regard to race, sex, national origin, religious preference, or physical disability.

In view of this, I further agree to be sensitive of other programs viewpoints, which may not be of my own persuasion. I will likewise keep my program efforts from conflicting with those rights.

Acknowledged by me this _____ day of _____ 20_____.

Program Volunteer Signature

Please Print Name

The above volunteer has received orientation in compliance with the rules of the Bell County Law Enforcement Center. Further it (is) (is not) anticipated that the volunteer will spend more than thirty (30) hours per month within the facility.*

Program Officer Signature

Date

*State law requires the testing of any such volunteer on an annual basis. If test is required, attach BCJA81

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Standards for Volunteer Programs

I have been approved as a volunteer worker to provide certain programming and opportunities to inmates confined in the Bell County Law Enforcement Center. In connection with my application and this approval, I hereby agree to the following terms and conditions.

1. **Contraband** – I understand that inmates are not allowed to receive anything from me. This means I cannot even lend a pen to them without possible disciplinary action against the inmate and my removal from the facility.
2. **Program materials** – I understand that a jail officer will screen and authorize the delivery of any legitimate program materials according to facility guidelines on quantity, content, and circumstance.
3. **Personal belongings** – I agree to secure my personal belongings prior to entering the facility. Purses and other items are not allowed. Money and car keys are discouraged.
4. **Searches** – I understand that any person entering or leaving the facility is subject to search. Possession of alcohol, weapons, or controlled substances is a felony and will be aggressively prosecuted.
5. **Attire** – I understand that my personal appearance must be acceptable in that no tight fitting, revealing, or provocative clothing will be allowed. Jewelry and other such accompaniments are discouraged.
6. **Safety** – I will follow all instructions given to me by jail officers promptly and without question. In the event of a disturbance, I will back up against a wall and not interfere with the duties of the officer.
7. **Obligation to report** – I understand that state law requires me to report criminal activity that is known to me in such cases as escape plans and threats to the personal safety of employees, volunteers and others.
8. **Personal contact** – I understand that my contact with inmates must be kept on a professional program level and that I cannot deliver messages or money to, from, or for any inmate.
9. **Pre-existing relationship** – I will report to the program officer any relationship within the jail such as a friend or relative being confined. This will protect the integrity of the programs.
10. **Offense** – If at anytime after being accepted as a J.A.I.L. Ministry Volunteer I am charged with an offense in Bell County, the State of Texas or the United States, I will within one week of the offense notify the Executive Director of J.A.I.L. Ministry in writing. I may be asked to resign as a J.A.I.L. Ministry Volunteer.