



Thank you for your interest in becoming a Volunteer with Bridges for Women!

Bridges offers education, training, and other supportive programs to women who have experienced abuse or trauma – this support enables women to break the cycle of abuse.

Volunteering with Bridges is an opportunity to make a worthwhile contribution to your community. We offer a variety of volunteer roles, including:

- opportunities to assist with fundraising and special event planning
- computer lab programming and maintenance
- producing and marketing the Community Handbook
- researching community resources
- assisting in the classroom as a computer or literacy support tutor
- populating the Bridges Online B-CALM database
- and more...!

Bridges is open to the possibility of developing new volunteer roles – if you have a talent you would like to share, let us know. We will try and find a fit within our programs.

In order to be accepted as a volunteer at Bridges, we require:

- a completed application form
- a personal interview
- two references (other than close friends or family members)
- a commitment to completing all required training and orientation

Volunteers who will have direct contact with clients are also required to submit a Criminal Records Check.

Please note that there is no charge for CRCs, when obtained for a volunteer role. The Volunteer Manager will provide you with a letter to waive the cost.

We expect that your personal attributes will include:

- a mature and non-judgmental attitude
- an understanding of feminism and its importance to the work of Bridges
- an acceptance of women of diverse ages, cultural backgrounds, religious beliefs, and sexual orientations
- respect for each woman in our program and her right to make her own decisions
- patience, enthusiasm and a sense of humour!

There is an application form attached to this letter – please complete it and return to Bridges. You will be contacted for an intake interview once your application has been received. Bridges greatly appreciates the interest you've shown in our programs, and your commitment to community service.

We look forward to receiving your application, and working together in the future!



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VOLUNTEER STANDARDS & EXPECTATIONS

Bridges recognizes that volunteers freely contribute their time, skills and abilities.

Volunteers are ambassadors and advocates for the agency in the larger community.

Volunteers strengthen and enhance the services of the agency.

Volunteers are given clear expectations and training as needed in their position.

Volunteers are supported in their position and given regular evaluation.

Volunteers are given recognition for their work.

Volunteers are adequately protected in the exercise of their duties.

Bridges aims to promote respect and human dignity as a foundation of the volunteer program.

Bridges aims to create an inclusive and accessible environment for all volunteers.

Bridges aims to value the contributions of the volunteers



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VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____ (Work) _____

Email: _____

In an emergency, please notify:

Name _____ Relationship to you: _____

Address _____ City _____ Postal Code _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____ (Work) _____

Resume Included: YES/ NO

Level of Education Completed: _____

Present or Previous Volunteer Work:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

How did you find out about Bridges for Women?

Please describe your understanding of the services Bridges offers:

What volunteer role(s) are you interested in?

What do you hope to gain from volunteering at Bridges?

What initial time commitment are you willing to make?

1 month 3 months 6 months 12 months not sure

Times per week: _____

Days available: _____ Evenings available: _____

Please provide the names of two individuals who can give a personal, work or volunteering reference for you.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Agency/Company: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Is this reference personal, work or volunteer related? _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Agency/Company: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Is this reference personal, work or volunteer related? _____

I am under age 19. My Parent or Guardian gives permission for me to volunteer.

Signature

Relationship

Date

By signing and submitting this Volunteer Application, I acknowledge this information is true and accurate. I authorize Bridges for Women to obtain references from the individuals listed above. I understand that these references will be contacted in confidence.

I understand that this application does not guarantee acceptance into the Volunteer Program and that Bridges is under no obligation to accept me as a volunteer, or to provide an explanation of the decision made.

Bridges for Women Society is committed to protecting the privacy of personal information in our possession or under our control in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Privacy Protection Act (FOIPPA). FOIPPA regulates the way we collect, use, keep, secure and disclose personal information. The personal information collected on this form will be used by the Volunteer Manager to identify an appropriate volunteer placement. This information will be stored in a locked cabinet and if you become a volunteer it will be entered into our secure electronic database to track your volunteer activities. Bridges for Women values the trust of our donors, volunteers, clients, participants and staff. We recognize that maintaining this trust requires accountability and transparency in handling personal information.

Signature

Date

Please send your completed application electronically or by mail to:

*Bridges for Women Society
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