



Volunteer Reference Questionnaire

Volunteer Applicant Name: _____

Person Completing Form: _____

This person has applied as a volunteer to our program and has given your name as a reference. Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) advocate for the rights of children in the child welfare system, serve as the children in juvenile court dependency proceedings, and reduce the trauma to children in the juvenile court dependency system by providing a long-term, consistent, supportive relationship. **Your response is completely confidential and for agency use only. It is very important that you openly and candidly give your views about this applicant since a child's welfare is at stake.**

Your information will enable us to assess the applicant's ability to serve as a CASA.

Please forward completed questionnaire to:

CASA of San Joaquin County

P.O. Box 1257

Stockton, CA 95201-1257

Or EMAIL to adominguez@nochildabuse.org

[\(209\) 644-5372 office phone](tel:(209)644-5372)

Or FAX to (209) 227-7255, Attention CASA Program

All Information received will be held confidential in every respect.

I. **How long have you known the applicant? In what capacity?**

Please use extra paper if needed.

II. Please check one box in each row to rate the applicant on the following skills and abilities. If you have not had an opportunity to observe the applicant in a particular capacity, check the “N/A” box.

	5	4	3	2	1	0
	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
1. Applicant's relationship to own children and/or the children of others.						
2. Ability to use and maintain confidential information appropriately.						
3. Ability to remain objective in difficult situations and maintain respect for differing values or views.						
4. Ability to problem solve or reach decisions, working independently.						
5. Ability to deal with hostility, anger, and other emotional attitudes.						
	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
6. Ability to carry out assignments in a timely manner.						
7. Verbal communication skills.						



- 8. Written communication skills.
- 9. People skills and listening.

	Excell ent	Very Good	Good	Averag e	Poor	N/A
10 Maturity, stability, sound judgment and sound character.						
11 Openness to learning, ability to accept supervision and direction.						
12 Concern for children and understanding of family relationships.						
13 Ability to respect and relate to people from various backgrounds and lifestyles (economics, cultural, educational, etc.) in a variety of settings.						

III.To your knowledge has the applicant ever....

Please respond NO or YES, explain if YES.

NO YES

- 1. Been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic offense?

NO YES

- 2. Been arrested or undergone residential treatment for drug-related or alcohol-related reasons (including, but not limited to driving under the influence)?

NO YES

- 3. Been reported to, or investigated by, a law enforcement agency or a child protective agency for abuse, neglect, molestation, abandonment of, or failure to protect a minor?

NO YES

- 4. Had a minor removed from their custody, guardianship, or placement by court order?

NO YES

