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## Welcome to the American Red Cross – Kern Chapter

We are so excited that you are interested in becoming a volunteer. There are several steps to take that will start you on the road to becoming a volunteer with the American Red Cross. You may have responded due to an interest in a particular volunteer job or because you have a desire to give back to your community and support our mission. Either way, we are thrilled that you have chosen the Red Cross as a place where you would like to volunteer.

**Our Mission:** The American Red Cross, a humanitarian organization led by volunteers and guided by its Congressional Charter and the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement, will provide relief to victims of disaster and help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies.

In order to get the process started please follow the steps listed below:

- + Complete the online background check by logging on to the following web site: [www.mybackgroundcheck.com/order/arcvts/](http://www.mybackgroundcheck.com/order/arcvts/). Please follow the attached instructions.
- + Complete our volunteer application attached. You may either fax, mail or scan/email the completed application to Rachel Giarratano at [rachelg@kernredcross.org](mailto:rachelg@kernredcross.org). Be sure to include in your email that you have completed the background check.

Once we receive your completed volunteer application, we will contact you either by email or phone to set up a time to come into the office for an interview and tour. At that time, we will discuss your interests and how you see yourself volunteering. It is extremely important to us that we connect you to an area you are interested in so please be sure to share how you see yourself volunteering.

The American Red Cross can not complete our mission without volunteers, so once again, I thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
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Volunteer Application

VOLUNTEER PROFILE

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:  Female  Male  Dr.  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms.  Miss

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Suffix (Ph.D., R.N.): \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age Group:  (14-17)  (18-24)  (25-54)  (55+)

Home Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell No: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License #: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you prefer we contact you about volunteer opportunities? (Please Circle)

Email • Cell Phone • Home Phone • Mail

Current Place of Employment or Last Employer: (Please circle one)

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

The following demographic information is requested solely to determine the diversity of our volunteers and it is completely optional: (Please check all that apply)

- African American  Asian or Pacific Islander  American Indian or Alaskan Native
 Hispanic  Caucasian  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the American Red Cross? (Volunteer Match, Hands On, Website, Friend, News, etc.)

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Please check position(s) desired:

- Office Support (Computer skills required)
Health & Safety
Health Agency Fairs
Preparedness Presenter
Disaster Services (Minimum age – 18 yrs, valid driver’s license)
Fund Raising
Leadership Role
Youth Services
Military Services/ International Social Services

Availability: Day Evening Weekend

List previous experience, special skills, or hobbies (volunteer or paid) that might be useful to Red Cross:

Table with 3 columns: Organization, Task, Dates

Please provide two references other than family.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Phone number, Relationship to you, Years Known

Do you speak, read or write in any language other than English? Yes No

If yes, which other language(s)?

Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic offense (including during Military Service?)

Yes No

If yes, explain:

A record of a criminal conviction will not necessarily bar you from volunteering.

I have given the above information voluntarily, and I certify that all statements and representations are true and correct. I authorize verification of all statements and screenings including but not limited to driver’s license, criminal background and personal reference checks.

Applicant’s Signature: Date:

I have received and signed a Code of Conduct (initial)