

Allegheny County
Veterans Court Mentoring Program
Volunteer Peer Mentor Application

Duties and responsibilities

- A Peer Mentor must be a United States Military veteran (Army, Marine Corps., Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, or Reserve or National Guard)
- Adhere to all Allegheny County Veterans Court Program Policies and Procedures
- Be familiar with Veterans Affairs services and veterans community resources
- Act as an ally, advocate, and role model for a veteran involved in the criminal justice system
- Be able to attend court sessions when needed
- Act professionally and respectfully towards other veterans, court staff, and staff of other agencies who work with the Allegheny County Veterans Court Program

Application

Full Name _____ D.O.B. _____

Address _____ Phone no(s). _____

Email address _____

Place of current employment, if any _____

Branch of military in which you served and dates _____

List any combat theater service you have and dates _____

Please state why are you interested in being a Peer Mentor _____

What skills and experiences do you possess that will be helpful to you as a mentor, to other mentors, or to veterans in the program?

What does being a “mentor” mean to you?

Have you ever been involved as a defendant in a criminal matter? If so, list all offenses with which you were charged, excluding summary traffic offenses, and the outcome of those charges. (This information will be kept confidential. It is recognized that personal experience in the justice system can actually help a Peer Mentor relate better to another justice involved veteran.)

Do you have a history of engaging in addictive behaviors, including but not limited to, use of illegal drugs and/or abusing alcohol or prescription drugs? If your answer is yes, please describe, and indicate the date since which you have been clean or have engaged in addictive behavior. (This information will be kept confidential. It is recognized that past history may help a mentor relate better to a justice involved veteran.)

Please provide any additional information you feel should be taken into consideration for your application

Please list three references who are not relatives, and their contact information:

Volunteer Peer Mentors are expected to participate in training, observation, shadowing, and supervision as part of their participation in the Allegheny County Veterans Court Mentoring Program. The Mentoring Program is also seeking a commitment of at least six months, if possible, from all volunteers.

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By signing below I give permission to the Allegheny County Veterans Court Mentoring Program to conduct an investigation and contact anyone it deems appropriate to verify the accuracy of the information contained in this application, or otherwise determine my suitability to serve as a volunteer. I voluntarily and knowingly waive all liability against all persons providing and obtaining information for the Veterans Court Mentoring Program concerning my application. By signing below I also understand that this application does not create a contract or employment relationship, nor am I guaranteed to be selected as a Volunteer Peer Mentor. I understand that any intentional omission or misrepresentation of fact in this application may result in refusal of or separation from volunteer service.

Signature _____

Date _____

Applications may be returned by fax or email to:

Al Mercer, Executive Director
Veterans Leadership Program

Fax: (412) 325-2724
Email: mercera@vlpwpa.org
Phone: (412) 481-8200