



Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Make-A-Wish®. Our volunteer program is designed to give each volunteer a diverse and rewarding experience while working towards fulfilling our mission to grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.

HOW DO I BECOME A VOLUNTEER?

In order to provide the wish children and their families with the best experience possible, we require all potential volunteers to go through an assessment before becoming an active Make-A-Wish volunteer.

Volunteer paperwork takes about 2 weeks to process and approve. After your paperwork is processed, you will be contacted with detailed instructions as it relates to the next steps based on the opportunities you selected. Please note, volunteer needs may vary by chapter needs.

WHY DO I NEED A BACKGROUND CHECK?

Due to the nature of our work, select volunteer positions must successfully complete a criminal background check every 3 years. Make-A-Wish does not employ or utilize as a volunteer any individual who has been convicted of a crime that (a) victimizes children, (b) is sexual in nature, or (c) involves violence, fraud, or significant theft. Please contact us with any questions related to past convictions and/or our background check screening process.

WHO DO I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS?

Our team is happy to answer any questions or address any concerns that you may have.

- **Volunteer Director**, Eileen Chretien, (207) 221-2306 x203 or eileen@maine.wish.org
- **Make-A-Wish® Maine Website**: www.maine.wish.org

HOW DO I SUBMIT MY APPLICATION?

Please complete and submit pages 2-5 of this packet to our office via fax, email or mail.

Make-A-Wish® Maine
Attn: **Eileen Chretien**
477 Congress Street, Suite M1, Portland, Me. 04101
Email: eileen@maine.wish.org
Fax #: 221-2028

PRIVACY & PROTECTION OF INFORMATION

Security of information is extremely important to us. All information submitted is available to and accessed by only relevant personnel. Information is never sold or shared outside of Make-A-Wish.



Volunteer Application

Please note that all volunteer opportunities require completion of this application and a signed Conflict of Interest and Ethics Statement. Volunteers are also required to successfully complete training relevant to the desired opportunity. In addition, select opportunities require a criminal background check performed every three years.

Personal Information

Title:	Name: <small>First</small>	Middle	Last
Nickname:		Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male	
Address: <small>Street</small>		City	State <small>Zip</small>
County:		Birth Month/Day: I'm over the age of 21: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Phone: <small>Home</small>	Cell	Preferred Phone: <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell	
Email:			

Employment Information

Employer:	Position:		
Address: <small>Street</small>	City	State	Zip
Work Phone:	May We Contact You at Work? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Would your company be interested in becoming involved with Make-A-Wish? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			

Emergency Contact Information

Emergency Contact:	Relationship:
Emergency Contact Phone:	

Professional Skills – Select those skills in which you have a professional capability and/or fluent.

- Construction / Carpentry, please specify: _____
- Entertainment Skills, please specify: _____
- Graphic Design / Art Design
- Interior Decorating
- Language, please specify: _____
- Photography
- Professional Certifications, please specify: _____
- Scrapbooking
- Writing
- Other: _____

Volunteer Opportunities

- Fundraising – Assist development team in seeking in-kind donations, write grant and/or sponsorship proposals, collaborate to build partnerships with local companies, conduct research on local companies' giving campaigns, organize a frequent flier donation campaign, sell paper Make-A-Wish stars, or plan/organize an external event to benefit Make-A-Wish.

- Office – Assist with miscellaneous projects at the office, including phone calls, wish research, mailings, etc.

- Speaker's Bureau – Speak at local community, school, business, or civic events increasing awareness and support for Make-A-Wish while educating audiences about the Make-A-Wish mission.

- Special Events – Plan, organize, and implement successful fundraising events by working on event committees, helping out on the event day, and/or participating in the event.

- Meet and Greet—Greet wish families at the airport at either departure or arrival to help them with their luggage and escort them to and from the terminal.

- Wish Granting – As a member of a wish team, wish granters meet with the family, help the wish child determine the wish and act as a liaison between Make-A-Wish staff and the wish family during the wish process. Wish granters must be a minimum of 21 years old. Attendance at an in-depth training session is required.

In a few words, describe yourself and what motivated you to volunteer at this time in your life.

What are you looking to get out of this volunteer experience?

How did you hear about Make-A-Wish?

I affirm that the information I have given on this form is true and correct. The information that I have provided may be verified by contacting persons or organizations named in this application, or by contacting any person or organization that may have information concerning me, or by conducting a criminal background check.

I have read and understood the various volunteer roles and am able to perform those roles in which I've applied for. I am volunteering my time for personal reasons and understand I will not be paid for my services as a volunteer and I expect no compensation. Furthermore, I understand that this application will help in determining the best fit of my skills for Make-A-Wish.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____