

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Volunteer Waiver Request Form

The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) statute requires all eligible victim assistance programs to use volunteers in providing victim assistance services "unless and to the extent the chief executive determines that compelling reasons exist to waive this requirement." [42 U.S.C. 10603 (b) (1) (C)]. The OVC Guidelines define a "compelling reason" as "...a statutory or contractual provision concerning liability or confidentiality of counselor/victim information, which bars volunteers for certain positions, or the inability to recruit and maintain volunteers after a sustained and aggressive effort."

REQUEST TO WAIVE THE VOCA VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENT

Since your organization does not utilize volunteers in any capacity, you must request a waiver of the federal volunteer requirement. To request this waiver, choose from the following:

- A statutory or contractual provision concerning liability or confidentiality of victim information prohibits the use of volunteers. Provide an explanation below and attach additional pages, if necessary, and a copy of the applicable statute, contract or policy.



The organization is unable to recruit and maintain volunteers after a determined effort. Provide an explanation below documenting all efforts to recruit volunteers and attach additional pages and/or supporting documentation if necessary.

Other reason-Please use the space below to explain

Print Name of Official, title and Organization name

Signature of Official Requesting Waiver

Date

Approved by:

Print Name of Official, Title and Organization Approving Volunteer Waiver

Signature of Official Approving Volunteer Waiver

Date