

**THE ROCKAWAY BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION  
ROCKAWAY, NJ**

**Volunteer Authorization and Release Consent Form**

***Acknowledgement and Consent to Obtain Criminal Record Information Pursuant to the State of New Jersey Public Law 1999, Chapter 432 and The Rockaway Borough Board of Education Policy, which requires background checks for Volunteers in the Rockaway Borough Board of Education's School-After School Activities.***

To foster safety and security of the children who participate in our programs, it is the policy of The Rockaway Borough Board of Education's policy to conduct criminal background screenings of all volunteers (hereinafter referred to as "applicants"). Applicants will only be screened for criminal convictions as detailed on the reverse side of this form. If you wish to serve as an applicant, you must execute the consent form to allow The Rockaway Borough Board of Education to conduct such searches. If you have ever been convicted or pled guilty to any of the crimes listed on the reverse of this Consent Form, you will be automatically disqualified from serving as an applicant.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read and hereby consent to allow The Rockaway Borough Board of Education, through its employees, agent or third-parties retained by the Board of Education, to conduct a criminal background record search of me. I understand, acknowledge, and consent to the fact that this search is a condition of my service as an applicant. I also understand, acknowledge, and consent that if the results of the search reveal a conviction of guilty plea to any of the crimes listed on the reverse side of this consent form, I will be disqualified from serving as an applicant.

I hereby release and agree to hold harmless The Rockaway Borough Board of Education, its agents, employees or other third party, and/or any other person or organization that may provide information.

I also understand that, regardless of previous appointments as an applicant, The Rockaway Borough Board of Education is not obligated to appoint me as an applicant. The Rockaway Borough Board of Education reserves the right to appoint or not appoint applicants at their discretion. I have read the above sections and the reverse of this form and by signing this consent, I accept all conditions stated herein.

**PLEASE**

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Full First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
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**PRINT**

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Date of Birth	Home Phone Number	Work Phone Number
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**CLEARLY**

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Current Address – Street Number, Street Name, City, State, Zip Code

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Previous Address (last 5 years), Street Number & Name, City, State, Zip Code

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Drivers License #** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Must include copy with consent form)**

**Social Security Number** \_\_\_\_\_ **(required)**

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Signature	Date
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Have you ever been convicted of a crime or disorderly persons offense as listed in N.J. PL15A:3A-3, which would disqualify you as a volunteer? \_\_\_\_\_(yes or no)

If yes, list crime/offense and date of conviction.

Thank you for your application. Your cooperation will help us provide a safe and healthy educational experience for the youth of our community.

NOTE:

1. Information collected by The Rockaway Borough Board of Education in order to conduct background searches (such as driver's license or date of birth) will be kept strictly confidential.
2. The Rockaway Borough Board of Education will not obtain or keep actual criminal records, but will only obtain from a criminal background search agency or company a "pass" or "fail" notice with regard to an individual's criminal record pursuant to The Rockaway Borough Board of Education's Program List of Disqualifiers.
3. In compliance with the Fair Credit Reporting Act, if an applicant has a criminal record with regard to crimes detailed in the List of Disqualifiers, the applicant will be notified directly by the criminal background search agency or company and information will be provided for the applicant to receive a copy of his or her criminal record.
4. Disqualifications pursuant to this policy are automatic; however a disqualified individual may appeal his or her disqualification through an authorized appeals process.

**Pursuant to the State of New Jersey Public Law 1999  
Chapter 432**

**Conditions under which person is disqualified from service as a volunteer, C.15A:3A-3**

3. A person may be disqualified from serving as an employee or volunteer of a nonprofit youth serving organization if that person's criminal history record background check reveals a record of conviction of any of the following crimes and offenses:
  - a. In New Jersey, any crime or disorderly offense:
    - (1) involving danger to the person, meaning those crimes and disorderly persons offenses set forth in N.J.S.2C:11-1 et seq., Homicide – All Offenses, N.J.S.2C:12-1 et seq., Assault; Endangering; threats – All Offenses, N.J.S.2C:13-1 et seq., Kidnapping – All Offenses, N.J.S.2C:14-1 et seq., Sexual Offenses – All Offenses, N.J.S.2C:15-1 et seq., Robbery – All Offenses.
    - (2) against the family, children or incompetents, meaning those crimes and disorderly persons offenses set forth in N.J.S.2C:24-1 et seq., Offenses Against the Family, Children and Incompetents – All Offenses.
    - (3) Involving theft as set forth in chapter 20 of Title 2C of New Jersey Statutes; Theft – All Offenses.
    - (4) Involving any controlled dangerous substance or controlled substance analog as set forth in chapter 35 of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes except paragraph (4) of subsection a. of N.J.S.2C:35-10; (Exceptions include possession of 50 grams or less of marijuana or five grams or less of hashish).
  - b. In any other state or jurisdiction, conduct which, if committed in New Jersey, would constitute any of the crimes or disorderly persons offenses described in subsection a. of this section.

\*\*\* The Rockaway Borough Board of Education recommends including within this background check that any open charges to the above offenses also be disqualified until final disposition of the alleged charges.