

## **PAWS Mentor Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ UTC ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Year in School (circle one): Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate/Post Bacc

Age Group: 18-25\_\_\_\_\_ 26-33\_\_\_\_\_ 34-41\_\_\_\_\_ 42-49\_\_\_\_\_ 50 & over\_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity: White\_\_\_\_\_ Black\_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic\_\_\_\_\_ Native American \_\_\_\_\_ Other:

Gender: Male\_\_\_\_\_ Female\_\_\_\_\_

### **Schools Attended:**

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

College(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**We require a criminal background, campus conduct, and sex registry check. By signing this form, you agree to allow us to complete these checks. Because we need your social security number to do the background check, please HAND deliver this application Sandy Cole's office, which is located in the State Office Building (540 McCallie) 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, room 428.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security Number

The purpose of this survey is to get a better understanding of who you are and how you work. Please take your time and answer all of the questions openly and honestly. The results from this will help us judge to see where you fit in the PAWS program if you meet the requirements.

**Personal Qualities:**

*1-Strongly Disagree    2-Somewhat Disagree    3-Somewhat Agree    4-Strongly Agree*

I am passionate about helping children.	1	2	3	4
I consistently stay focused on the task at hand.	1	2	3	4
I consider myself an organized person.	1	2	3	4
I am always on time.	1	2	3	4
I tend to get frustrated easily when things do not go my way.	1	2	3	4
I can assess and resolve troublesome situations in a quick and timely manner.	1	2	3	4
I consider myself to be a motivated and determined individual.	1	2	3	4
I prefer to be the leader in group assignments.	1	2	3	4
I take criticism well.	1	2	3	4
I am able to develop personal relationships in a professional manner.	1	2	3	4

**Volunteer History/Information:**

Have you ever done volunteer work before? If so, for what organization and what type of work was it? Please explain the responsibilities you had as a volunteer.

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Please tell us why you believe you would be an asset to the PAWS program:

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What other interesting facts or information can you tell us about yourself?

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**The following information is requested in order to meet the matching preferences of both students and mentors.**

List your interests, hobbies and sports in which you participate or watch.

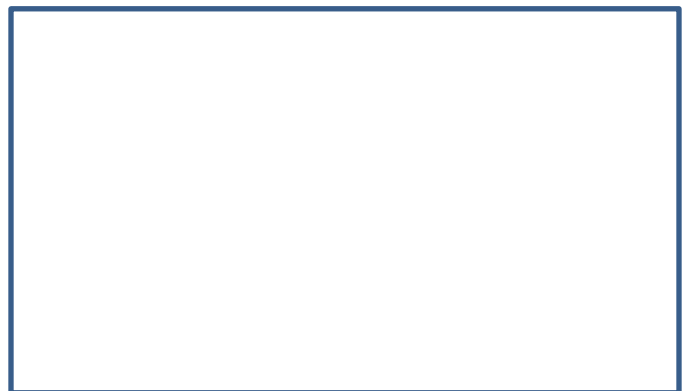
Are you okay with mentoring a student of the opposite sex? YES\_\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in serving as a Classroom Coordinator? This position requires you to attend a weekly one-hour meeting, attend all PAWS sessions, and prepare lessons from our curriculum, (Great for pre-service teachers!)  
YES\_\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_\_

**PAWS is on Monday and Thursday from 2:45PM-4:30PM. Check which day(s) you can attend PAWS.**

Monday\_\_\_\_\_ Thursday\_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide a copy of your driver's license.**  
**Attach with your turned in application!**  
**Thank you**



\*\*\*Please read and sign the forms below to complete your application\*\*\*

## STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR COVERED ADULTS

As a participant in [insert description of Covered Program] ("Covered Program"), you have been identified as a "Covered Adult" for purposes of University of Tennessee Safety Policy 575 (Programs for Minors).

As a Covered Adult, you are responsible for complying with University of Tennessee Human Resources Policy 580 (Code of Conduct), a copy of which is attached.

In addition, you shall not:

1. Strike, shake, slap, administer corporal punishment to, or touch in an inappropriate or illegal manner, any minor.
2. Humiliate, ridicule, threaten, or degrade a minor.
3. Sleep in the same room or other enclosed space (such as a tent) as a minor, unless you are a parent/legal guardian/sibling of said minor.
4. Shower or take a bath with a minor or in the presence of a minor.
5. Dress or undress in the presence of a minor.
6. Invade the privacy of minors in situations such as changing clothes and taking showers and intrude unless to the extent that health and safety requires.
7. Use a camera or other imaging device in showers, restrooms, or other areas in which a minor has a reasonable expectation of privacy.
8. Wear clothing that is not discreet and modest when interacting with minors.
9. Possess or engage in the use of alcohol or illegal drugs, or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs, during the Covered Program.
10. Provide alcohol or illegal drugs to a minor, or provide prescription drugs or any other medication to a minor except in compliance with the policies of the Covered Program.
11. Take a photograph or video of a minor or post information about a minor on the Internet without the written permission of the minor's parent or guardian.
12. Give a personal gift to a minor.
13. View pornography during the Covered Program, or make any form of pornography available to a minor participating in the Covered Program or assist a minor in any way in gaining access to any form of pornography.
14. Meet a minor off of the site of the Covered Program or after the hours of the Covered Program, even if another Covered Adult is present.
15. Have any personal, non-programmatic related communications with a minor during the Covered Program, or after the Covered Program has ended, unless you have a relationship with the minor that existed before the Covered Program.
16. Instruct, care for, supervise, guide, control, or routinely interact with a minor who is less than two (2) years younger than you (applicable only if the Covered Program involves an overnight stay).

You should report violations of these standards of conduct by someone else (other than violations involving child abuse or child sexual abuse, the reporting of which shall be in compliance with Section 2 of University of Tennessee System Safety Policy 575) to your supervisor, the Designated Official (423-425-5209), the Office of the General Counsel (865-974 -3245), UWA Audit and Consulting Services (865-974-6611), or the State of Tennessee audit hotline (1-800-232-5454).

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# **TENNESSEE LAW ON MANDATORY REPORTING OF**

## **CHILD ABUSE AND CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE**

All members of the University community are responsible for compliance with Tennessee laws on mandatory reporting of child abuse and child sexual abuse. Please go to the following website to find detailed information from the Tennessee Department of Children's Services on how to identify and report child abuse and child sexual abuse:  
<http://www.tn.gov/youth/childsafety.htm>.

The following is a summary of key provisions of Tennessee law on mandatory reporting of child abuse and child sexual abuse.

### **Who Must Report**

Tennessee law mandates reporting by **any person** who has knowledge of physical or mental harm to a child if: (1) the nature of the harm reasonably indicates it was caused by brutality, abuse, or neglect; or (2) on the basis of available information, the harm reasonably appears to have been caused by brutality, abuse, or neglect.

Tennessee law also mandates reporting by **any person** who knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been **sexually abused**, regardless of whether it appears the child has sustained an injury as a result of the abuse.

The Tennessee mandatory reporting laws define a child as a person under 18 years of age.

### **How to Report**

**Call 911 if the situation is a life threatening emergency.** In other cases, a report of child abuse or child sexual abuse must be made **immediately** to one of the following four authorities:

- The Tennessee Department of Children's Services (reports can be made by calling the Central Intake Child Abuse Hotline at 1-877-237-0004);
- The sheriff of the county where the child resides;
- The chief law enforcement official of the city where the child resides; or
- A judge having juvenile jurisdiction over the child.

**Please note that University police departments are not included in the list of authorities. Reporting to University police, a supervisor, or any other University official or employee does not satisfy an individual's duty to report child abuse or child sexual abuse to one of the authorities listed above.**

### **Criminal Penalties for Failure to Report**

Any person who knowingly fails to make a report of child abuse as required by Tennessee law commits a Class A misdemeanor.

Any person who knowingly and willfully fails to report known or suspected child sexual abuse, or who knowingly and willfully prevents another person from doing so, commits a Class A misdemeanor.

**I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND  
AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF TENNESSEE LAW DESCRIBED IN THIS  
DOCUMENT.**

PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_