



The primary function of a volunteer is to assist staff in providing services; therefore, volunteers need to remember that they are a guest in the jail and any proposed idea(s) being introduced to a group or an inmate must be authorized by the Jail Program Coordinator.

PROCEDURES TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER

Before you can become a volunteer for the Sherburne County Jail, there are established procedures to follow. The purpose of these procedures are to provide information yourself, give a brief introduction of skills available to offer, and to give the Jail Program Coordinator an opportunity to determine in what capacity your service would be the most valuable.

APPLICATION

All prospective volunteers will be required to complete a Sherburne County Jail Volunteer Application Form and return it to the Jail Program Coordinator. Once completed and returned, the Jail Program Coordinator will run a criminal history check and determine volunteer eligibility. Approval will be immediately denied if any of the following conditions exist:

1. If you have been incarcerated within 5 years from the dated application.
2. If you are on probation or parole.
3. If you are awaiting court for criminal charges.

All prospective A.A. volunteers must be sober for a minimum of 2 years before becoming an eligible volunteer.

ORIENTATION

If the Jail Program Coordinator deems that you would be a qualified candidate for becoming a volunteer, an orientation will be scheduled to determine your suitability. During the orientation, you will be advised of the jail rules and regulations as well as the general expectations of volunteers. This will also be a time to answer any questions you may have.