



**DISPUTE RESOLUTION SERVICES
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DRS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM AND BASIC MEDIATION TRAINING

DRS is the leader in facilitating problem solving and dedicated to providing, promoting, and teaching effective methods of conflict resolution. DRS provides mediation services to the residents, businesses, and courts of Tarrant County. Volunteer mediators are assigned to civil cases submitted to DRS for mediation. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer mediator, please complete and submit the enclosed application along with a copy of your training certificate(s). Resumes are acceptable; however, applications must accompany the submission of resumes due to pertinent information requested. Each volunteer mediator is expected to comply with established standards of performance and professionalism stated in the DRS Standards of Policies and Procedures.

DRS offers Basic Mediation Training which meets the requirements set by the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code 154.052(a) to become a court-appointed mediator. Family Mediation Training is offered at the completion of Basic Mediation Training for those who are interested. Each training is accredited by the State Bar of Texas with MCLE (minimum continuing legal education) available upon request. Training classes are held in the Spring and Fall with dates to be announced based on our calendar of events. Seating is limited; therefore, **application and fee payment is required to complete registration.** Please review the following schedule for training days and times:

Basic Mediation Training

40 hours/ Cost \$550

40 hours/ Early Registration Cost \$499

Two Weekends

Thursday 5:00 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Family Mediation Training

30 hours / Cost \$325

30 hours/ Cost \$299*

*If registered at the same time as Basic.

Two Weekends

Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

(Note: One week break between training weekends)

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VOLUNTEER SERVICE AND TRAINING APPLICATION

1. **NEXT SCHEDULED TRAINING DATES:** _____

2. **Name:** _____ **Preferred Name:** _____
3. **Mailing Address:** _____

4. **Residence** (if different): _____

5. **Email:** _____
6. **Birth Date:** _____ **Phone:** Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____
7. **How were you referred to DRS?** _____
8. **Are you employed?** YES NO If, "Yes,"
Where? _____
Profession/Title: _____ **Years of Experience** _____
9. **Please circle applicable work experience:** ADR Education Attorney Legal
Finance Real Estate Business Human Resource Social Work
Civil Servant Construction Medical Miscellaneous _____
10. **Have you ever been convicted of a crime, other than minor traffic violations?** YES NO
If "Yes," explain: _____
11. **Have you any medical condition, take any medications, or have any disability, which we should know about for your safety or comfort?** YES NO If "Yes,"
explain: _____
12. **Foreign**
Language: _____ **Speak** _____ **Read** _____ **Write** _____

13. Education:

Graduated Y / N - Degree Year

High School:		
Coll/Univ:		
Coll/Univ:		
Voc/Bus:		

14. Have you served as a mediator before? YES NO If no, skip to #15

If "Yes," Where did you receive Basic Training? _____

_____ How many cases have you mediated? _____

What types of cases? _____

15. When are you available to volunteer at DRS?

Mediations begin at 9:00 and 9:30 a.m. or 1:00 and 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please state available days of the week and hours of the day

16. REFERENCES: (Please list three persons, not related to you, you have known at least one year.)

Name	Address & Phone	Relationship

17. Why do you want to become a DRS volunteer mediator? _____

18. In case of an emergency, please provide a contact person:

Name _____ **Phone Number** _____
Relationship _____

19. Please read the following affirmation; sign and date.

I affirm that all information given is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand Dispute Resolution Services teaches mediation to prepare individuals to volunteer as mediators at Dispute Resolution Services. I understand that my service as a DRS Mediator is a privilege and knowingly submitting false information or not abiding by the established standards of performance and behavior may result in dismissal from the Volunteer Mediator Program at the discretion of the DRS officials. I, therefore, agree to abide by all obligations and rules relevant to service as a Volunteer Mediator of Dispute Resolution Services of North Texas, Inc.

Signature of
Applicant _____ *Date* _____