



DRS NORTH TEXAS INC. TRAINING AND VOLUNTEER SERVICE APPLICATION

DRS North Texas Inc. is the leader in facilitating problem solving and dedicated to providing, promoting, and teaching effective methods of conflict resolution. We provide mediation services and training to the residents, businesses, and courts of Tarrant County. Please complete this application if you are:

- a.) Registering for Basic and/or Family Mediation Training; and/or
- b.) Applying for Volunteer Service

DRS North Texas Inc. 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, **an 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*

Two Weekends
 Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
 Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

*If registered at the same time as Basic.

(Note: One week break between training weekends)

Volunteer mediators are assigned to civil cases submitted to the agency for mediation. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer mediator, **please complete and submit the application along with a copy of any mediation 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 North Texas Inc. Standards of Policies and Procedures.

Please return applications to training@drsnorthtexas.org

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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 North Texas Inc.?** _____

8. **Are you employed?** YES NO

If, "Yes," Where? _____

Profession/Title: _____ **Years of Experience** _____

9. **Please check the box next to all applicable work experience:**

___ ADR ___ Attorney ___ Paralegal ___ Legal(other) ___ Law Enforcement

___ HR ___ Business ___ Medical ___ Real Estate ___ Civil Servant

___ IT ___ Clergy ___ Marketing ___ Construction ___ Social Work

___ PR ___ Finance ___ Military ___ Education (K-12)

___ Education (University) **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 _____
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13. Education:

Name of Institution	Graduated Y / N - Degree	Year
High School:		
Coll/Univ:		
Coll/Univ:		
Voc/Bus:		

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

Name	Contact Information	Relationship
	Address: Phone:	
	Address: Phone:	
	Address: Phone:	

15. Have you served as a mediator before? YES NO

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

How many cases have you mediated? _____

What types of cases? _____

17. Are you interested in volunteering as a mediator for DRS North Texas Inc.? YES NO

If "Yes," When are you available to volunteer?

Mediations are scheduled Monday – Friday to begin at 9 AM, 9:30 AM, 1 PM, or 1:30 PM. Please select all available times.

18. Why do you want to become a DRS North Texas Inc. volunteer mediator?

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

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Relationship _____

20. 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:

- a) my service as a DRS NORTH TEXAS INC. volunteer mediator is a privilege; and
- b) knowingly submitting false information; and/or failing to abide by DRS North Texas Inc. established standards of performance and/or behavior may result in dismissal from the Volunteer Mediator Program at the sole discretion of the DRS NORTH TEXAS INC.

As indicated by my signature below, 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 _____

Date _____

Printed Name _____

Date: _____