

# Cornell Cooperative Extension Genesee County

## Volunteer Application

- Directions:**
- \*Complete the application
  - \*Save as a new file and print the completed application
  - \*Sign the completed application (*original signature required*)

| <b>GENERAL</b>  |                          |  |                               |
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| <b>NAME Last</b>  |                          | <b>First</b>   | <b>Middle (Optional)</b>      |
| <b>Today's Date</b>   |                          |  |                               |
| <b>Mailing Address - Street</b>   |                          | <b>Daytime Phone #</b><br>( )  | <b>Evening Phone #</b><br>( ) |
| <b>City, State and Zip Code</b>   |                          | <b>Email address</b>   | <b>Birthdate if under 18</b>  |
| <b>Have you ever volunteered for CCE before? If yes, give dates, program, position</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>   |                          |  |                               |
| <b>Date available?</b><br><b>From To</b>  |                          | <b>Approximately when and how many hours/week would you like to volunteer?</b>   |                               |
| <b>VOLUNTEER POSITION: Please check the volunteer role(s) that interest you most.</b>   |                          |  |                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H Leader/ Volunteer<br><input type="checkbox"/> Master Gardener<br><input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Genesee   |                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Ag in the Classroom<br><input type="checkbox"/> Buildings/Grounds<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other: (please specify) _____ |                               |
| <b>What interests do you wish to pursue or what do you hope to accomplish by serving as a CCE volunteer?</b>  |                          |  |                               |
| <b>List your volunteer, paid, or educational experiences that relate to the volunteer position you seek</b>   |                          |  |                               |
| <b>Organization/Employer</b>  | <b>Position/Activity</b> | <b>Dates</b>   |                               |
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| <b>Describe any education or training that you have had related to the volunteer position you seek. Also describe any special skills, experiences, or interests along with hobbies, licenses, certifications, or other interests you consider relevant.</b> |                          |  |                               |
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**Accommodations:** Given the expectations of the volunteer position for which you are applying, describe any physical or health accommodations that may be needed to allow you to participate in the activity.

**REFERENCES:** List 2 people, not related to you, that we may contact who have knowledge of your qualifications. Please provide complete address.

**Reference 1:** Name \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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

Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reference 2:** Name \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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

Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense other than a minor traffic violation?**

\_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes (If yes) Date(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** A criminal record will not necessarily bar an applicant. A criminal record will be considered as it relates to the requirements of the volunteer position for which you have expressed an interest.

**Do you possess a valid NYS Driver's License?** \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**NOTE:** If the volunteer position you seek requires the transportation of others in your personal vehicle or use of CCE Association vehicles, you will be asked to complete a motor vehicle record request permission form.

I affirm that the statements made on this application are true. I understand that misrepresentation or omission of facts requested is cause for my non-appointment or removal as a Cornell Cooperative Extension volunteer. I authorize Cornell Cooperative Extension of Genesee County to obtain from all persons, including those not named here, and/or agencies any records, documents, and other information relative to my suitability to perform the duties of the volunteer position. **I understand, if the volunteer position I seek involves unsupervised work with minors, individuals over 65, or individuals with disabilities that a criminal background check including a sexual offender search will be made.** I further release all parties supplying said information from all liability and responsibility arising from their supplying said information.

I understand and agree that the volunteer position at CCE for which I am applying, is without compensation or benefits of any kind. I further understand that the provisions of this application do not constitute a contract (either expressed or implied) of employment between myself and CCE. I further understand and agree that if I am offered and accept a volunteer position at CCE, either I or CCE, may terminate the volunteer relationship at any time for any reason or for no particular reason or cause. CCE reserves the right to determine and change its policies and procedures applicable to volunteers at any time for any reason. I understand and agree that my volunteer position is contingent upon, among other things, my signing the CCE Association Volunteer Agreement and acceptance of the provisions of the CCE Association Volunteer Code of Conduct.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **AUTHORIZATION REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION**

By signing below, I acknowledge receipt of the following separate documents (and certify that I have read and understood them):

- DISCLOSURE REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION ON YOU;
- ADDITIONAL NOTICE REGARDING INVESTIGATIVE CONSUMER REPORTS ON YOU;
- ADDITIONAL STATE LAW NOTICES;
- A SUMMARY OF YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THE FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT.

By signing below, I authorize **Cornell Cooperative Extension – Genesee** (“the Company”) to obtain “**consumer reports**” and “**investigative consumer reports**” about me for employment purposes at any time during the hiring process and throughout my employment, if applicable.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## **PERSONAL INFORMATION NEEDED FOR BACKGROUND CHECK**

**Please supply the following information to facilitate a background check on you.**

Full Name (First, middle, last): \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ State Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*If you prefer to complete your background check online, through the company’s secure website, please complete only the highlighted fields above, sign, and return this authorization to our office. We will email you a secure link to complete your background check.

**Return this page only**

**DISCLOSURE REGARDING  
BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION ON YOU**

**Cornell Cooperative Extension - Genesee** (“the Company”) may obtain “consumer reports” about you from a consumer reporting agency for employment purposes. A “consumer report” is a background screening report that may contain information regarding your criminal history, sex offender registry status, credit history, employment history, education history, social media activity, driving history, professional licenses, and other information about you. It may bear upon your character, general reputation, personal characteristics, and/or mode of living.

**ADDITIONAL NOTICE REGARDING  
INVESTIGATIVE CONSUMER REPORTS ON YOU**

**Cornell Cooperative Extension - Genesee** (“the Company”) may also request an “investigative consumer report” on you from a consumer reporting agency.

An “investigative consumer report” is a background screening report generated through personal interviews with sources such as your neighbors, friends, or associates.

The consumer reporting agency that may prepare an “investigative consumer report” on you for the Company is First Choice Background Screening, 4611 S. University Drive #314, Davie, FL. 33328, (888) 222-6988. The information contained in an “investigative consumer report” may bear upon your character, general reputation, personal characteristics, and/or mode of living.

Please be advised that the nature and scope of the most common form of “investigative consumer report” that may be ordered by the Company is an investigation into your employment history. During such an investigation, First Choice Background Screening may ask questions about your employment history to certain knowledgeable individuals and provide response information to the Company.

**Note: You have the right to request additional information regarding the nature and scope of any “investigative consumer report” ordered by the Company on you. You may do so by contacting the Company.**

## **ADDITIONAL STATE LAW NOTICES**

If you live in, work in, or are seeking work for **Cornell Cooperative Extension - Genesee** (“the Company”) in Washington State, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Minnesota, Oklahoma, or California, please note the following information which we are required by state law to provide to you:

State of Washington applicants/employees only: If the Company requests an investigative consumer report (as defined by state law) from a consumer reporting agency, you have the right to receive a complete and accurate disclosure of the nature and scope of the investigation requested by the Company. You also have the right to request a written summary of your rights and remedies under the Washington Fair Credit Reporting Act.

Massachusetts applicants/employees only: If the Company requests an investigative consumer report (as defined by state law) from a consumer reporting agency, you have the right to have a copy of the report upon request.

New Jersey applicants/employees only: If the Company requests an investigative consumer report (as defined by state law) from a consumer reporting agency, you have the right to have a copy of the report upon request.

New York applicants/employees only: You have the right, upon written request, to be informed of whether or not an investigative consumer report (as defined by state law) was requested from a consumer reporting agency. If a report was requested, you will be provided with the name and address of the consumer reporting agency to which the request was made. You may also inspect and receive a copy of the report by contacting First Choice Background Screening, 4611 S. University Drive #314, Davie, FL. 33328, (888) 222-6988. You are also now receiving a copy of Article 23-A of the NY Correction Law.

Minnesota applicants/employees only: You have the right, upon written request, to receive a complete and accurate disclosure of the nature and scope of any consumer report ordered about you. A consumer reporting agency must make this disclosure within five (5) days of receipt of your request or of the Company’s request for the report, whichever is later. The consumer reporting agency that is preparing a consumer report about you for the Company is First Choice Background Screening, 4611 S. University Drive #314, Davie, FL. 33328, (888) 222-6988.

Please check this box if you would like to receive a free copy of any consumer report obtained by the Company about you. ☐

Oklahoma applicants/employees only: Please check this box if you would like to receive a free copy of any consumer report obtained by the Company about you. ☐

California applicants/employees only: You are separately receiving a copy of the Notice Regarding Background Investigation Pursuant To California Law.

**NOTICE REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION**  
**PURSUANT TO NEW YORK CORRECTION LAW**

**(For New York Applicants and Employees Only)**

**Article 23-A**  
**Licensure and Employment of Persons Previously**  
**Convicted of One or More Criminal Offenses**

**§ 750. Definitions**

For the purposes of this article, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- (1) “Public agency” means the state or any local subdivision thereof, or any state or local department, agency, board or commission.
- (2) “Private employer” means any person, company, corporation, labor organization or association which employs ten or more persons.
- (3) “Direct relationship” means that the nature of criminal conduct for which the person was convicted has a direct bearing on his fitness or ability to perform one or more of the duties or responsibilities necessarily related to the license, opportunity, or job in question.
- (4) “License” means any certificate, license, permit or grant of permission required by the laws of this state, its political subdivisions or instrumentalities as a condition for the lawful practice of any occupation, employment, trade, vocation, business, or profession. Provided, however, that “license” shall not, for the purposes of this article, include any license or permit to own, possess, carry, or fire any explosive, pistol, handgun, rifle, shotgun, or other firearm.
- (5) “Employment” means any occupation, vocation or employment, or any form of vocational or educational training. Provided, however, that “employment” shall not, for the purposes of this article, include membership in any law enforcement agency.

**§ 751. Applicability**

The provisions of this article shall apply to any application by any person for a license or employment at any public or private employer, who has previously been convicted of one or more criminal offenses in this state or in any other jurisdiction, and to any license or employment held by any person whose conviction of one or more criminal offenses in this state or in any other jurisdiction preceded such employment or granting of a license, except where a mandatory forfeiture, disability or bar to employment is imposed by law, and has not been removed by an executive pardon, certificate of relief from disabilities or certificate of good conduct. Nothing in this article shall be construed to affect any right an employer may have with respect to an intentional misrepresentation in connection with an application for employment made by a prospective employee or previously made by a current employee.

**§ 752. Unfair discrimination against persons previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses prohibited**

No application for any license or employment, and no employment or license held by an individual, to which the provisions of this article are applicable, shall be denied or acted upon adversely by reason of the individual's having been previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses, or by reason of a finding of lack of "good moral character" when such finding is based upon the fact that the individual has previously been convicted of one or more criminal offenses, unless:

- (1) there is a direct relationship between one or more of the previous criminal offenses and the specific license or employment sought or held by the individual; or
- (2) the issuance or continuation of the license or the granting or continuation of the employment would involve an unreasonable risk to property or to the safety or welfare of specific individuals or the general public.

**§ 753. Factors to be considered concerning a previous criminal conviction; presumption**

1. In making a determination pursuant to section seven hundred fifty-two of this chapter, the public agency or private employer shall consider the following factors:

- (a) The public policy of this state, as expressed in this act, to encourage the licensure and employment of persons previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses.
- (b) The specific duties and responsibilities necessarily related to the license or employment sought or held by the person.
- (c) The bearing, if any, the criminal offense or offenses for which the person was previously convicted will have on his fitness or ability to perform one or more such duties or responsibilities.
- (d) The time which has elapsed since the occurrence of the criminal offense or offenses.
- (e) The age of the person at the time of occurrence of the criminal offense or offenses.
- (f) The seriousness of the offense or offenses.
- (g) Any information produced by the person, or produced on his behalf, in regard to his rehabilitation and good conduct.
- (h) The legitimate interest of the public agency or private employer in protecting property, and the safety and welfare of specific individuals or the general public.

2. In making a determination pursuant to section seven hundred fifty-two of this chapter, the public agency or private employer shall also give consideration to a certificate of relief from disabilities or a certificate of good conduct issued to the applicant, which certificate shall create a presumption of rehabilitation in regard to the offense or offenses specified therein.

**§ 754. Written statement upon denial of license or employment**

At the request of any person previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses who has been denied a license or employment, a public agency or private employer shall provide, within thirty days of a request, a written statement setting forth the reasons for such denial.

**§ 755. Enforcement**

1. In relation to actions by public agencies, the provisions of this article shall be enforceable by a proceeding brought pursuant to article seventy-eight of the civil practice law and rules.
2. In relation to actions by private employers, the provisions of this article shall be enforceable by the division of human rights pursuant to the powers and procedures set forth in article fifteen of the executive law, and, concurrently, by the New York city commission on human rights.



*Para información en español, visite [www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore) o escribe a la Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20552.*

## **A Summary of Your Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act**

The federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) promotes the accuracy, fairness, and privacy of information in the files of consumer reporting agencies. There are many types of consumer reporting agencies, including credit bureaus and specialty agencies (such as agencies that sell information about check writing histories, medical records, and rental history records). Here is a summary of your major rights under FCRA. **For more information, including information about additional rights, go to [www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore) or write to: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20552.**

- **You must be told if information in your file has been used against you.** Anyone who uses a credit report or another type of consumer report to deny your application for credit, insurance, or employment – or to take another adverse action against you – must tell you, and must give you the name, address, and phone number of the agency that provided the information.
- **You have the right to know what is in your file.** You may request and obtain all the information about you in the files of a consumer reporting agency (your “file disclosure”). You will be required to provide proper identification, which may include your Social Security number. In many cases, the disclosure will be free. You are entitled to a free file disclosure if:
  - a person has taken adverse action against you because of information in your credit report;
  - you are the victim of identity theft and place a fraud alert in your file;
  - your file contains inaccurate information as a result of fraud;
  - you are on public assistance;
  - you are unemployed but expect to apply for employment within 60 days.

In addition, all consumers are entitled to one free disclosure every 12 months upon request from each nationwide credit bureau and from nationwide specialty consumer reporting agencies. See [www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore) for additional information.

- **You have the right to ask for a credit score.** Credit scores are numerical summaries of your credit-worthiness based on information from credit bureaus. You may request a credit score from consumer reporting agencies that create scores or distribute scores used in residential real property loans, but you will have to pay for it. In some mortgage transactions, you will receive credit score information for free from the mortgage lender.
- **You have the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information.** If you identify information in your file that is incomplete or inaccurate, and report it to the consumer

reporting agency, the agency must investigate unless your dispute is frivolous. See [www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore) for an explanation of dispute procedures.

- **Consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information.** Inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information must be removed or corrected, usually within 30 days. However, a consumer reporting agency may continue to report information it has verified as accurate.
- **Consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information.** In most cases, a consumer reporting agency may not report negative information that is more than seven years old, or bankruptcies that are more than 10 years old.
- **Access to your file is limited.** A consumer reporting agency may provide information about you only to people with a valid need – usually to consider an application with a creditor, insurer, employer, landlord, or other business. The FCRA specifies those with a valid need for access.
- **You must give your consent for reports to be provided to employers.** A consumer reporting agency may not give out information about you to your employer, or a potential employer, without your written consent given to the employer. Written consent generally is not required in the trucking industry. For more information, go to [www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore).
- **You may limit “prescreened” offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report.** Unsolicited “prescreened” offers for credit and insurance must include a toll-free phone number you can call if you choose to remove your name and address from the lists these offers are based on. You may opt out with the nationwide credit bureaus at 1-888-567-8688.
- The following FCRA right applies with respect to nationwide consumer reporting agencies:

#### **CONSUMERS HAVE THE RIGHT TO OBTAIN A SECURITY FREEZE**

**You have a right to place a “security freeze” on your credit report, which will prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing information in your credit report without your express authorization.** The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. However, you should be aware that using a security freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit.

As an alternative to a security freeze, you have the right to place an initial or extended fraud alert on your credit file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a 1-year alert that is

placed on a consumer's credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert display on a consumer's credit file, a business is required to take steps to verify the consumer's identity before extending new credit. If you are a victim of identity theft, you are entitled to an extended fraud alert, which is a fraud alert lasting 7 years.

A security freeze does not apply to a person or entity, or its affiliates, or collection agencies acting on behalf of the person or entity, with which you have an existing account that requests information in your credit report for the purposes of reviewing or collecting the account. Reviewing the account includes activities related to account maintenance, monitoring, credit line increases, and account upgrades and enhancements.

- **You may seek damages from violators.** If a consumer reporting agency, or, in some cases, a user of consumer reports or a furnisher of information to a consumer reporting agency violates the FCRA, you may be able to sue in state or federal court.
- **Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have additional rights.** For more information, visit [www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore).

**States may enforce the FCRA, and many states have their own consumer reporting laws. In some cases, you may have more rights under state law. For more information, contact your state or local consumer protection agency or your state Attorney General. For information about your federal rights, contact:**

| <b>TYPE OF BUSINESS:</b>  | <b>CONTACT:</b>  |
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| <p>1.a. Banks, savings associations, and credit unions with total assets of over \$10 billion and their affiliates</p> <p>b. Such affiliates that are not banks, savings associations, or credit unions also should list, in addition to the CFPB:</p>  | <p>a. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau<br/>1700 G Street NW<br/>Washington, DC 20552</p> <p>b. Federal Trade Commission<br/>Consumer Response Center<br/>600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW<br/>Washington, DC 20580<br/>(877) 382-4357</p>  |
| <p>2. To the extent not included in item 1 above:</p> <p>a. National banks, federal savings associations, and federal branches and federal agencies of foreign banks</p> <p>b. State member banks, branches and agencies of foreign banks (other than federal branches, federal agencies, and Insured State Branches of Foreign Banks), commercial lending companies owned or controlled by foreign banks, and organizations operating under section 25 or 25A of the Federal Reserve Act.</p> <p>c. Nonmember Insured Banks, Insured State Branches of Foreign Banks, and insured state savings associations</p> <p>d. Federal Credit Unions</p> | <p>a. Office of the Comptroller of the Currency<br/>Customer Assistance Group<br/>P.O. Box 53570<br/>Houston, TX 77052</p> <p>b. Federal Reserve Consumer Help Center<br/>P.O. Box 1200<br/>Minneapolis, MN 55480</p> <p>c. Division of Depositor and Consumer Protection<br/>National Center for Consumer and Depositor Assistance<br/>Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation<br/>1100 Walnut Street, Box #11<br/>Kansas City, MO 64106</p> <p>d. National Credit Union Administration<br/>Office of Consumer Financial Protection<br/>1775 Duke Street<br/>Alexandria, VA 22314</p> |
| <p>3. Air carriers</p>  | <p>Assistant General Counsel for Office of Aviation Protection<br/>Department of Transportation<br/>1200 New Jersey Avenue SE<br/>Washington, DC 20590</p>   |
| <p>4. Creditors Subject to the Surface Transportation Board</p>   | <p>Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance<br/>Surface Transportation Board<br/>395 E Street SW<br/>Washington, DC 20423</p>   |
| <p>5. Creditors Subject to the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921</p>   | <p>Nearest Packers and Stockyards Division Regional Office</p>   |
| <p>6. Small Business Investment Companies</p>   | <p>Associate Administrator, Office of Capital Access<br/>United States Small Business Administration<br/>409 Third Street SW, Suite 8200<br/>Washington, DC 20416</p>  |
| <p>7. Brokers and Dealers</p>   | <p>Securities and Exchange Commission<br/>100 F Street NE<br/>Washington, DC 20549</p>   |
| <p>8. Institutions that are members of the Farm Credit System</p>   | <p>Farm Credit Administration<br/>1501 Farm Credit Drive<br/>McLean, VA 22102-5090</p>   |
| <p>9. Retailers, Finance Companies, and All Other Creditors Not Listed Above</p>  | <p>Federal Trade Commission<br/>Consumer Response Center<br/>600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW<br/>Washington, DC 20580<br/>(877) 382-4357</p>  |