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(a) **Standard.**

Subject to certain limitations, individuals who have been discharged from Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) jurisdiction may serve as volunteers. Youth who are currently under TJJD jurisdiction may not serve as volunteers.

(b) **Procedures.**

(1) **Eligibility Criteria.**

In addition to the eligibility criteria as set forth in [VLS.01.01](#), the following requirements are met in order for a former TJJD youth to be eligible for enrollment as a volunteer:

- (A) at least 18 months must have elapsed since discharge from TJJD; and
- (B) evidence of rehabilitation and successful re-entry into the community must be provided.

(2) **Additional Screening.**

- (A) When the **community relations coordinator** believes a compelling reason exists to consider a former TJJD youth for enrollment as a volunteer, the coordinator prepares the following information and forward to the superintendent:
 - (i) the nature of the applicant's prior criminal history;
 - (ii) the specific and limited role for which the applicant is being considered;
 - (iii) the compelling reason for considering the applicant;
 - (iv) an explanation of why the applicant does not pose a risk (i.e., evidence of rehabilitation); and
 - (v) precautions and controls to ensure youth and facility security are not placed at risk.
- (B) The **superintendent** reviews the information and approves or disapproves the request to enroll the former TJJD youth as a volunteer.

(3) **TJJD References.**

If possible, the **community relations coordinator** contacts the youth's most recent case manager and parole officer to provide a recommendation as to whether the former TJJD youth would be well-suited for volunteer service. The recommendation is based on the youth's progress in treatment and community re-entry.

(4) **Assignment Restrictions.**

If a former TJJD youth is selected as a volunteer, the **community relations coordinator** may not assign the youth to a volunteer position that is individually matched with a youth of the opposite gender.
