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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in becoming a violence prevention instructor for the Strength programs! Once a year we train new volunteer instructors. After completion of the training the new instructors teach with lead instructors providing free violence prevention classes to women and girls around the City of Portland.

Being a Strength instructor is challenging and rewarding. Many of our volunteers state that it was a life changing experience and one of the best decisions they have ever made. Instructors often tell us how much they appreciated the initial training and their volunteer position as an instructor. Here is a quote from one instructor who went through training: "... joining WomenStrength is the best thing I have done for myself in a very long time. The training was incredible (I still miss it!) and I love teaching. I am always in such a good place emotionally and physically after I teach. I love it!"

The instructor selection process is competitive and consists of four components: a written application, interview, reference, and criminal background checks. Enclosed in this packet are the necessary forms to fill out and return. We ask that you choose an area of focus, either WomenStrength or GirlStrength.

Please don't be intimidated by this application! The process and the paperwork may seem overwhelming for a volunteer position, but we hope the requirements demonstrate the quality of our programs. Our volunteers are representatives of the Portland Police Bureau and the City of Portland. These trustworthy and exceptional individuals honor our mission to offer free empowerment classes to women and girls. Everything in this package is to service this goal. We hope you will decide to be a part of our mission.

Please call one of us (Shelby or Sara) if you have any questions. We welcome the opportunity to answer your inquiries. If you are not available to complete the training this year, but are still interested, please let us know and we will keep your name for future trainings.

Thank you so much for your interest!

Sara K. Johnson

Shelby Davidson

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GirlStrength Director
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Volunteer Staff Application

Name

Address

City/State/Zip Code

Email

Home Phone

Cell

Work

May we call you at work? Yes No

How did you hear about GirlStrength/WomenStrength?

Are you presently employed? Yes No If yes, where?

What is your position?

Do you presently volunteer elsewhere? Yes No If yes, where?

Educational background (highest grade completed & field of study)

Are you bilingual? Yes No If yes, in what language?

Do you have reliable transportation? Yes No

What hours are you available? (Check all that apply) Day Evening Weekend

Please list three references not related to you by blood, adoption, or partnership:

Name

Day Phone

Relationship to you

SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS (Page 1 of 3)

Please answer the following questions in the spaces provided. If more space is needed, include your remaining responses in your submission email or on another sheet, along with the question number.

1. Would you like to choose GirlStrength or WomenStrength as your focus? Why? (**NOTE:** After one year of teaching/training instructors may cross train in sister program)

2. Why do you want to become involved with this program? What would you add and what would you hope to gain from your participation?

3. How do you feel about the large time commitment required for the training?

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4. What is your theory on why women and children are most often the victims of violence?

5. Who do you think needs to be involved in the movement to end sexual and domestic violence? Why?

6. What do you see as the possible benefits and drawbacks of working with the public as a representative of the Portland Police Bureau?

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7. Do you have public speaking experience? If yes, please describe. If no, what would give you the confidence to do public speaking?

8. For GirlStrength Instructors only:

Do you have experience teaching children and youth? If so, please describe.

Please submit the following paperwork:

- Application form
- Answers to supplemental questions
- "Applicant Background and Information."

These forms will be notarized during or after the interview.

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