

# Frequently Asked Questions

1. How can I become an approved Torch volunteer?

Complete the [Torch Clearance Policy and Application](http://mykairos.org/docs/kt/clearance_policy_and_application)  
[http://mykairos.org/docs/kt/clearance\\_packet.pdf](http://mykairos.org/docs/kt/clearance_packet.pdf)

q Volunteer Screening Form

q Authorization and Consent Form

q Screening Results

q Three Reference Forms

q Copy of Driver's License, Birth Certificate or Passport

q Screening Fee (\$25.00)

*\* Note: Renewal required every 3 years with KPMI*

Check the [Approved Torch Volunteers](https://www.mykairos.org/docs/kt/approved_kt_volunteers.pdf) list on MyKairos.org to confirm approval status.  
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2. Would there be any conditions in a background check that would prevent me from being a Torch volunteer?

Yes, a volunteer cannot:

- Be an employee of the institution
- Be listed on a resident's visitation list
- Have a sex offense in criminal history\* *Note: Every case is different and contingent upon KPMI approval.*

3. Once I am approved as a Torch volunteer, are there additional requirements from the [Texas Juvenile Justice Department](http://www.tjjd.texas.gov/index.php/volunteer-services#screening-process-for-volunteers) (TJJD)?

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Yes. A volunteer assignment is contingent upon the satisfactory completion of:

- q Volunteer Application
- q Criminal and driving record check
- q Fingerprinting
- q Personal character references
- q Face-to-face interview
- q Agreement of confidentiality and release of liability
- q Comprehensive new volunteer orientation
- q Job-specific training
- q Volunteer Training Manual

*\* Note: Renewal required every 2 years with TJJD*

4. What is the commitment to volunteer on a Torch Weekend?

- Team Training
- 2-1/2 Day Weekend
- Monthly Reunions (optional)
- Mentoring (optional)

*\* Note: Every youth attending a Torch weekend, must be assigned a mentor. Therefore, the number of youth on a weekend is determined by the number of volunteers committed to mentoring.*

5. What are the team training requirements to volunteer on a Torch Weekend?

There are six team meetings in preparation for each 2-1/2 day Weekend. They are typically 6 hours each and occur every other Saturday from 9 am - 3 pm leading up to the Weekend.

6. What is the commitment for Mentoring?

- One-to-one, following Torch curriculum
- Duration typically 1-6 months
- 1-1/2 hours per week
- Consult with the community for specific scheduling.