



- Member Volunteer
- Parent Volunteer

**Gifted Youth Program
Volunteer Background Check Authorization**

Personal Information

Full legal name		Date of birth
Other names used		Social Security number
Email address	Phone number	Membership number

Address History

Current address			How long at this address? (mos/yrs)
City	County	State	ZIP Code
Previous address (if at above address fewer than five years)			How long at this address? (mos/yrs)
City	County	State	ZIP Code
Previous address (if at above address fewer than five years)			How long at this address? (mos/yrs)
City	County	State	ZIP Code

Have you ever been convicted of or pled guilty to a felony? _____ If yes, please explain:

Please provide a reference (not a relative) we could contact that can speak to your work with children.

Signature (electronic signatures not accepted)

Date

In connection with my application for volunteer service with American Mensa, I authorize American Mensa or ACCUFAX Div., Southwest Inc., its agent, to solicit background information relative to my criminal record history. I understand that American Mensa may conduct inquiries into my background that may include criminal records, motor vehicle records, personal references and other public record reports pertaining to me. When requested by an employer, motor vehicle records or a driving history may be obtained. American Driving Records will provide motor vehicle records from the state of Louisiana.

I release American Mensa, its respective employees, and ACCUFAX Div., Southwest Inc., its agent, and the employees thereof, and all persons, agencies and entities providing information or reports about me, from any and all liability arising out of furnishing any such information or reports.

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BACKGROUND CHECK POLICY

To provide for the safety of children attending functions or events sponsored by American Mensa or any of its local groups, background checks are conducted on people working with children upon selection as a Gifted Youth Program volunteer and **at least every three years** subsequent to the first background check. American Mensa may conduct an updated background check at any time for any reason.

Issues that **shall** preclude service as a member volunteer or parent volunteer in the Gifted Youth Program:

- Current investigation or charges for criminal sexual conduct, neglect of a child or physical abuse.
- Conviction of any offense (felony or misdemeanor) related to harm to a child. This may include, but is not limited to, traffic accidents, kidnapping, sexual assault of a child, injury to a child, possession or distribution of child pornography, neglect of a child, or indecent exposure. This includes convictions resulting from pleas of *no lo contendere*.
- Any felony conviction within the past ten years.
- Falsifying or withholding information on application.

Issues that **may** preclude service as a member volunteer or parent volunteer in the Gifted Youth Program:

- Traffic violations that led to serious injury of a third party.
- Felony convictions older than ten years.
- Misdemeanor convictions not involving children that display callous disregard for the health, safety, or well-being of others.

Applicants who have resided outside the United States during the past five years are precluded from service.

PRIVACY POLICY

Information submitted on the application and subsequent report will be kept confidential and secured at all times. In the case where a background report flags a possible issue in any of the areas as noted above, the applicant will be contacted personally and allowed to withdraw the application before any formal notice is given to the Local Group officers.

The final review and determination for volunteer status will be made by a designated group of staff and volunteers who shall review the reports with personal data removed.

If there is found cause to deny the application, under no circumstances will the nature of the offense or the reason for denial be given to anyone other than the applicant.

Any decision to accept or deny the service of a member as a parent volunteer is at the sole discretion of American Mensa.

Complete the preceding and mail/fax to:
American Mensa Background Check
1315 Brookside Dr.
Hurst, TX 76053
Fax: (817) 649-5232