

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

About DAWN's Domestic Violence Advocacy Training

Do I have to volunteer with DAWN to take the 50-Hour Domestic Violence Advocacy Training?

No, you do not. While most training participants intend to volunteer for DAWN in some way, many are taking the classes to gain or enhance skills for personal or professional reasons. When classes start to fill up, preference will be given to those who make a volunteer commitment to the agency, so register soon to guarantee your spot!

What are all of the volunteering opportunities at DAWN?

There are many ways of volunteering at DAWN! Most volunteers who go through the 50-Hour training intend to volunteer on DAWN's crisis line, however, there are a number of other ways you can use your skills to help survivors and their children. Please see the volunteer page of our website for more information on volunteer opportunities (<http://www.dawnonline.org/give-help/volunteer.htm>) or call for more information!

What are the benefits of volunteering with DAWN?

DAWN is an organization committed to ending domestic violence by empowering survivors; as a volunteer, you'll be instrumental in giving women in crisis the resources and help they need to begin finding a way out. Personal benefits include a wealth of education and experience with domestic violence issues, the knowledge that you're using your time and abilities to help survivors in need, and a waived training fee. Of course, volunteer work looks great on college applications or job resumes, and the training meets the WAC requirements for Domestic Violence Advocates, the essential training for work as a domestic violence advocate in the state of Washington.

What paperwork do I need to fill out if I want to take the training and do plan to volunteer for DAWN?

If you're signing up to take the training and volunteer for us, you must return the **DAWN Volunteer Application**, the **Training Registration Form**, the **DAWN Oath of Confidentiality** sheet, and the **Background Check Form**. While the \$200 training fee is waived, a \$35 fee for the training manual will be collected at or before the beginning of the first class.

What paperwork do I need to fill out if I want to take the training but don't plan on volunteering for DAWN?

If you're signing up to take the training but do not plan to volunteer, you must return the **Training Registration Form**, the **DAWN Oath of Confidentiality** sheet, and the **Background Check Form**. A training fee of \$200 is required, as well as a \$35 fee for the training manual. You may prepay either with a check (made out to DAWN) or your credit card information, or you may pay at the beginning of the first class with cash, credit or check.

What happens if I miss a class?

Please plan to attend every class meeting. See the Attendance Policy for more information about missing classes.

Do I have to attend all afternoon or all evening classes, or can I attend a mix of the two?

You can attend whatever mix of classes fits your schedule best; you'll get credit for a class as long as you've attended either one of the sessions on each class day. The volunteer application and registration form ask whether you'll be attending day or evening classes; please indicate which of those you'll be attending **in general**.

Please feel free to call Alicia with any other questions!

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