

**DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON  
BACKGROUND SCREENING  
BASIC DATA FORM**

Forms must be completed in their entirety to be processed.

For OCPS use: Tracking #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish/School/Office Location: _____ _____
Submitted by: _____

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

\_\_\_\_\_ (Race) \_\_\_\_\_ (Sex)  
Maiden Name or Alias

Permanent Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

Mailing Address if different from above:

\_\_\_\_\_ P.O. Box City State Zip Code  
Home Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ email : \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License #: \_\_\_\_\_ State of Issue: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently <b>employed by or applying for employment</b> with a diocesan school/parish/office? ____ Yes ____ No
What is the title of the position for which you are currently employed or are applying? _____
What are the job responsibilities of the position for which you are currently employed or are applying for (please be specific in your details)? _____

Are you currently <b>volunteering or applying to volunteer</b> with a diocesan school/parish/office? ____ Yes ____ No
What is the title of the position for which you are currently volunteering or applying to volunteer? _____
What are the job responsibilities of the position for which you are currently volunteering or are applying to volunteer for (please be specific in your details)? _____

<b>CRIMINAL HISTORY:</b> A Criminal Background Check and a DSS Sex Offender Registry Check is mandatory and will be performed on every individual submitting these forms. Number of years/months you have lived in South Carolina: Years: _____ Months: _____ Please provide any previous addresses in which you have resided for the past five (5) years: _____
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**Please note: A Driver's History Report or a check of your Credit History will be processed only if driving or handling money is part of your duties. If so, you must complete the appropriate attached form.**

## DISCLOSURE REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION

**Catholic Diocese of Charleston** (“the Company”) may obtain information about you from a third party consumer reporting agency for employment or volunteer purposes. This information may be obtained in the form of a “consumer report” and/or an “investigative consumer report” (commonly known as a “background report”). These reports may contain information regarding your criminal history, social security verification, motor vehicle records (“driving records”), credit history\*, verification of your education or employment history, or other background checks. This information may be obtained from private and public record sources, including, as appropriate: government agencies and courthouses and educational institutions. The reports may also include information about your character, general reputation, personal characteristics, mode of living, etc., which can involve personal interviews with individuals or companies that you have listed as a reference, former employer, etc. A more comprehensive background investigation may be required pursuant to state or federal law, contract agreement or for certain sensitive positions (such as those with significant financial responsibilities). (\*Please note that credit history will only be requested where such information is substantially related to the duties and responsibilities of the position for which you are applying.)

You have the right, upon written request made within a reasonable time, to request whether a consumer report has been run about you, disclosure of the nature and scope of any investigative consumer report and to request a copy of your report. Please be advised that the nature and scope of any investigative consumer report obtained with regard to applicants for employment or volunteer status is an investigation conducted by Reference Services, Inc. (RSI). RSI is located and can be contacted by mail at 101 Plaza East Blvd, Suite 300, Evansville, IN 47715, and RSI can be contacted by phone at (800)881-0754. Information about RSI’s privacy policy is available at the following link: <http://www.referenceservices.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/RSI-Consumer-Information-Privacy-Policy.pdf>. The scope of this notice and authorization is all-encompassing and allows the Company to obtain from any outside organization all manner of consumer reports throughout the course of your employment or your volunteer/contract period to the extent permitted by law.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AUTHORIZATION FOR BACKGROUND CHECK

I acknowledge receipt of the separate document entitled “**Disclosure Regarding Background Investigation**” and “**A Summary of Your Rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act**” and certify that I have read and understand both of those documents. I hereby authorize the obtaining of “consumer reports” and/or “investigative consumer reports” by the Company at any time after receipt of this authorization and throughout my employment, or status as a volunteer or Advisor, if applicable. To this end, I hereby authorize, without reservation, any law enforcement agency, administrator, state or federal agency, institution, school or university (public or private), information service bureau, employer, or insurance company to furnish any and all background information requested by Reference Services, Inc. [101 Plaza East Blvd, Suite 300, Evansville, IN 47715, (800)881-0754, www.referenceservices.com] and/or the Company itself. I agree that a facsimile (“fax”), electronic or photographic copy of this Authorization shall be as valid as the original.

**New York applicants only:** Upon request, you will be informed whether or not a consumer report was requested by the Company, and if such report was requested, informed of the name and address of the consumer reporting agency that furnished the report. You have the right to inspect and receive a copy of any investigative consumer report requested by the Company by contacting the consumer reporting agency identified above directly. By signing below, you acknowledge receipt of Article 23-A of the New York Correction Law

**Washington State applicants only:** You also have the right to request from the consumer reporting agency a written summary of your rights and remedies under the Washington Fair Credit Reporting Act.

**Minnesota and Oklahoma applicants only:**

Please check this box if you would like to receive a copy of a consumer report if one is obtained by the Company.

**California applicants only:**

Under California Civil Code section 1786.22, you are entitled to find out what is in the CRA’s file on you with proper identification, as follows:

- In person, by visual inspection of your file during normal business hours and on reasonable notice. You also may request a copy of the information in person. The CRA may not charge you more than the actual copying costs for providing you with a copy of your file.
- A summary of all information contained in the CRA file on you that is required to be provided by the California Civil Code will be provided to you via telephone, if you have made a written request, with proper identification, for telephone disclosure, and the toll charge, if any, for the telephone call is prepaid by or charged directly to you.
- By requesting a copy be sent to a specified addressee by certified mail. CRAs complying with requests for certified mailings shall not be liable for disclosures to third parties caused by mishandling of mail after such mailings leave the CRAs.

“Proper Identification” includes documents such as a valid driver’s license, social security account number, military identification card, and credit cards. Only if you cannot identify yourself with such information may the CRA require additional information concerning your employment and personal or family history in order to verify your identity. The CRA will provide trained personnel to explain any information furnished to you and will provide a written explanation of any coded information contained in files maintained on you. This written explanation will be provided whenever a file is provided to you for visual inspection. You may be accompanied by one other person of your choosing, who must furnish reasonable identification. A CRA may require you to furnish a written statement granting permission to the CRA to discuss your file in such person’s presence.

Please check this box if you would like to receive a copy of an investigative consumer report or consumer credit report at no charge if one is obtained by the Company whenever you have a right to receive such a copy under California law.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

Other Names/Aliases Used \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number\* \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth\* \_\_\_\_\_

Driver’s License Number \_\_\_\_\_ State of Driver’s License \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address – City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Address - City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Address - City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*This information will be used for background screening purposes only and will not be used as hiring criteria.

**DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON  
EMPLOYEE/VOLUNTEER DRIVER APPLICATION FORM**

Parish/School/Office Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The volunteer or employment position for which I am applying:

Requires the operation of a motor vehicle with children as passengers: \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Requires the operation of a motor vehicle without children as passengers: \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

**An applicant will be restricted from operating a motor vehicle with children as passengers if the applicant has:**

- two (2) or more moving violations within the past three (3) years - If only one (1) moving violation within the past three (3) years is discovered, you will be contacted to complete an online safe driving course before being cleared to drive
- an arrest or conviction for an infraction involving drugs or alcohol within the past ten (10) years
- had a revocation or suspension of driver's license within the past five (5) years
- multiple moving violations over the past ten (10) years

**An applicant will be restricted from operating a motor vehicle as part of their job responsibilities if the applicant has:**

- three (3) or more moving violations within the past five (5) years
- an arrest or conviction for an infraction involving drugs or alcohol within the past ten (10) years
- had a revocation or suspension of driver's license within the past five (5) years
- multiple moving violations over the past ten (10) years

If you do not meet the above criteria for driving, we encourage you to volunteer in one of our many other areas of need and reapply when your driving record meets these standards. If your job responsibilities require driving and you do not meet the criteria, please make your supervisor aware of this situation immediately. Please note: if as an employee or volunteer you are cleared to drive as part of your responsibilities and receive a moving violation at any time, you are required to report that information to the Diocesan Safe Environment Manager immediately.

Name of Driver: \_\_\_\_\_ SS#: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Drivers License #: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please attach a copy of your license) State Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

Year, Make & Model of Vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Liability Limits: \_\_\_\_\_

(Minimum Limits of \$100,000/\$300,000 required) **PLEASE ATTACH COPY OF PROOF OF INSURANCE**

**Please be aware the driver's insurance is primary in any incident requiring a claim to be made.**

Certification

*I certify that the information given on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand driving for Diocesan ministry is a profound responsibility and I will exercise extreme care and due diligence while driving. I understand that I must be 21 years of age or older, possess a valid driver's license, have the proper and current license and vehicle registration, and have the required insurance coverage in effect on any vehicle I operate. I agree that I will refrain from using a cell phone or any other electronic device while operating my vehicle.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON  
CREDIT AUTHORIZATION FORM**

Parish/School/Office Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**CREDIT HISTORY:** Please note. A **yes** response will result in a credit history check.

1. Do you now or will your duties as an employee, include access to funds and/or financial decisions for a diocesan office, school and/or parish? \_\_\_\_ Yes. \_\_\_\_ No.

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you now or will your duties as a volunteer, include access to funds and/or financial decisions for a diocesan office, school and/or parish? \_\_\_\_ Yes. \_\_\_\_ No.

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you answered yes to either of the above listed questions, please provide the requested information below and submit this form, along with the Basic Data Form and Department of Social Services Form to the Safe Environment Coordinator at your parish/school or the HR official handling your employment.**

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Please print name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date:

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For use by the Safe Environment Coordinator/Pastor/Principal/HR official only

I authorized a credit check to be performed on this individual whose job/volunteer responsibilities include access to funds and /or the making of financial decisions.

Safe Environment Coordinator, Pastor, Principal, HR official name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Para información en español, visite [www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore) o escribe a la Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street N.W, Washington, DC 20552.*

## **A Summary of Your Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act**

The federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) promotes the accuracy, fairness, and privacy of information in the files of consumer reporting agencies. There are many types of consumer reporting agencies, including credit bureaus and specialty agencies (such as agencies that sell information about check writing histories, medical records, and rental history records). Here is a summary of your major rights under the FCRA. **For more information, including information about additional rights, go to [www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore) or write to: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street N.W., Washington, DC 20552.**

- **You must be told if information in your file has been used against you.** Anyone who uses a credit report or another type of consumer report to deny your application for credit, insurance, or employment — or to take another adverse action against you — must tell you, and must give you the name, address, and phone number of the agency that provided the information.
- **You have the right to know what is in your file.** You may request and obtain all the information about you in the files of a consumer reporting agency (your "file disclosure"). You will be required to provide proper identification, which may include your Social Security number. In many cases, the disclosure will be free. You are entitled to a free file disclosure if:
  - a person has taken adverse action against you because of information in your credit report;
  - you are the victim of identity theft and place a fraud alert in your file;
  - your file contains inaccurate information as a result of fraud;
  - you are on public assistance;
  - you are unemployed but expect to apply for employment within 60 days.

In addition, all consumers are entitled to one free disclosure every 12 months upon request from each nationwide credit bureau and from nationwide specialty consumer reporting agencies. See [www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore) for additional information.

- **You have the right to ask for a credit score.** Credit scores are numerical summaries of your credit-worthiness based on information from credit bureaus. You may request a credit score from consumer reporting agencies that create scores or distribute scores used in residential real property loans, but you will have to pay for it. In some mortgage transactions, you will receive credit score information for free from the mortgage lender.
- **You have the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information.** If you identify information in your file that is incomplete or inaccurate, and report it to the consumer reporting agency, the agency must investigate unless your dispute is frivolous. See [www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore) for an explanation of dispute procedures.
- **Consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information.** Inaccurate, incomplete or unverifiable information must be removed or corrected, usually within 30 days. However, a consumer reporting agency may continue to report information it has verified as accurate.
- **Consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information.** In most cases, a consumer reporting agency may not report negative information that is more than seven years old, or bankruptcies that are more than 10 years old.

● **Access to your file is limited.** A consumer reporting agency may provide information about you only to people with a valid need — usually to consider an application with a creditor, insurer, employer, landlord, or other business. The FCRA specifies those with a valid need for access.

● **You must give your consent for reports to be provided to employers.** A consumer reporting agency may not give out information about you to your employer, or a potential employer, without your written consent given to the employer. Written consent generally is not required in the trucking industry. For more information, go to [www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore).

● **You may limit "prescreened" offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report.** Unsolicited "prescreened" offers for credit and insurance must include a toll-free phone number you can call if you choose to remove your name and address from the lists these offers are based on. You may opt-out with the nationwide credit bureaus at 1-888-5678688.

● **You may seek damages from violators.** If a consumer reporting agency, or, in some cases, a user of consumer reports or a furnisher of information to a consumer reporting agency violates the FCRA, you may be able to sue in state or federal court.

**Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have additional rights.** For more information, visit [www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore).

TYPE OF BUSINESS:	CONTACT:
1. a. Banks, savings associations, and credit unions with total assets of over \$10 billion and their affiliates.	a. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau 1700 G Street NW Washington, DC 20552
b. Such affiliates that are not banks, savings associations, or credit unions also should list, in addition to the CFPB:	b. Federal Trade Commission: Consumer Response Center – FCRA Washington, DC 20580 (877) 382-4357
2. To the extent not included in item 1 above:	
a. National banks, federal savings associations, and federal branches and federal agencies of foreign banks	a. Office of the Comptroller of the Currency Customer Assistance Group 1301 McKinney Street, Suite 3450 Houston, TX 77010-9050
b. State member banks, branches and agencies of foreign banks (other than federal branches, federal agencies, and Insured State Branches of Foreign Banks), commercial lending companies owned or controlled by foreign banks, and organizations operating under section 25 or 25A of the Federal Reserve Act	b. Federal Reserve Consumer Help Center P.O. Box 1200 Minneapolis, MN 55480
c. Nonmember Insured Banks, Insured State Branches of Foreign Banks, and insured state savings associations	c. FDIC Consumer Response Center 1100 Walnut Street, Box #11 Kansas City, MO 64106
d. Federal Credit Unions	d. National Credit Union Administration Office of Consumer Protection (OCP) Division of Consumer Compliance and Outreach (DCCO) 1775 Duke Street Alexandria, VA 22314

3. Air carriers	Asst. General Counsel for Aviation Enforcement & Proceedings Aviation Consumer Protection Division Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590
4. Creditors Subject to Surface Transportation Board	Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board Department of Transportation 395 E Street S.W. Washington, DC 20423
5. Creditors Subject to Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921	Nearest Packers and Stockyards Administration area supervisor
6. Small Business Investment Companies	Associate Deputy Administrator for Capital Access United States Small Business Administration 409 Third Street, SW, 8th Floor Washington, DC 20416
7. Brokers and Dealers	Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F St NE Washington, DC 20549
8. Federal Land Banks, Federal Land Bank Associations, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, and Production Credit Associations	Farm Credit Administration 1501 Farm Credit Drive McLean, VA 22102-5090
9. Retailers, Finance Companies, and All Other Creditors Not Listed Above	FTC Regional Office for region in which the creditor operates or Federal Trade Commission: Consumer Response Center — FCRA Washington, DC 20580 (877) 382-4357