

Volunteer Online Registration

Please sign up as a volunteer with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) right away. It can take several months to get TDCJ approvals, which will then be valid for two years.

1. Google '*TDCJ Volunteer Training*.'
 - a. On the TDCJ volunteer site, complete the online application-background check first.
 - Enter your name as it appears on your driver license (Last, First, Middle Initial).
 - b. On the second page of the application, check the Chaplaincy box and complete the boxes below it.
 - c. On the '*facilities of interest*' question, click on the prison(s) you want to serve in. If you don't know ask your Malachi Dad contact which one(s) to select.
 - d. Continue and complete the application.
 - e. Once you have completed the online application, you can then complete the online TDCJ volunteer training. Once completed you will receive an email from TDCJ confirming you have completed the process. Make sure your name on it matches your driver's license.
 - It will take several months to get the final approval.
 - TDCJ will send you an email once you are approved.
 - Let your leader know when you receive your approval so they can put you on the gate list.
2. **Every few weeks call TDCJ Volunteer Services at 936-437-3031, or 936-437-7086, or 936-437-2898 to check on your approval status. Checking in sometimes accelerates your approval.**
3. While waiting for your formal TDCJ approval we will work to get you a special four visit pass.
4. **Ex-Con volunteers:** Yes, ex-cons can volunteer if the ex-con is over 18, has no pending charges, and has been released from an adult prison for at least 12 months. You can contact Volunteer Services at 936-437-3026 if you have more questions.