

# APPLICATION FOR LAKEWOOD VETERAN MENTOR PROGRAM

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To apply to become a veteran mentor you must be a veteran of the United States Military Service to include: Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and/or the Reserves or National Guard. You must also be able to commit to the following for a minimum of six months:

## **Veteran Mentor Duties and Responsibilities**

1. Weekly check-ins with Veteran participant to be initiated by the participant either by phone, e-mail or in person contact that is logged by the mentor.
2. Attend court sessions when scheduled as feasible.
3. Be supportive and understanding of the difficulties other veterans are facing.
4. Assist veterans on how to access and navigate the Veteran's Affairs System.
5. Be supportive and helpful to other Veteran Mentors.

## **Veteran Mentor Requirements**

1. Be a United States Military Veteran: Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard or a corresponding branch of the Reserve or National Guard.
2. Have a genuine concern for veterans in the legal system.
3. Be in good standing with the law
4. Ability to keep relationship with mentee professional and have no sexual relationship with mentee.
5. Do not loan money or allow participants to live with a mentor for any reason.
6. Adhere to all Veterans Treatment Court policies and procedures.
7. Commit to program participation for a minimum of six months.

It is important to note that the Veterans Treatment court will be conducting a background check of all mentors prior to acceptance into the mentor program. The background is to ensure that we are selecting suitable candidates for assisting Veteran Treatment court participants. Things that may exclude mentors are things such as active arrest warrants or open court cases where a jail sanction may be imposed. Having convictions alone may not exclude someone from being a mentor and will be reviewed on a case by case basis. After the background is conducted, the Veterans Court Team will review all mentor applications and conduct a majority rules vote to select mentors into the Veterans Mentor Program. Please fill out the following application in its entirety and submit it in person or in the mail to the address listed at the end of the application.



3. Do you have any experience with substance abuse treatment programs?

4. Why would you like to become a Veteran Mentor?

**Please mail completed forms to:  
Attention: Cameron Himes  
Lakewood Municipal Court  
6000 Main Street SW  
Lakewood, WA 98499**