

How do I become a Court Watch volunteer?

In order to become a volunteer with OCTEVAW's Court Watch program, individuals must meet the following requirements:

1. Be over the age of 18.
2. Submit a police record check to OCTEVAW upon becoming a volunteer.
3. Understanding of and sensitivity to violence against women, woman abuse, sexual violence and intimate partner violence.
4. Have a volunteer and/or professional and/or academic and/or personal background in fields such as Social Work, Criminology, Law, Women's Studies, Gender Studies, Social Services, Political Science, Sociology, Psychology, Police Foundations, Legal Studies, etc.
5. Able to work within a feminist, anti-racist and anti-oppressive framework.
6. Able to maintain confidentiality.
7. Able to handle stress and emotions effectively.
8. Able to volunteer during daytime, weekday hours.
9. Able to commit to one (1) year of volunteering for the Court Watch program.
10. Able to commit to one (1) volunteer shift per month.
11. Able to attend initial and on-going training sessions.
12. Able to complete Ottawa Victim Services Court Accompaniment online training.
13. Able to work both in a team and individually.
14. Able to be flexible with any changes to the Court Watch program structure or materials in the course of volunteering.

They must also sign the [Court Watch volunteer agreement](#) and complete the [Court Watch volunteer application form](#) .