# Applications Contact

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# Requirements For Each Level

**Core Peer Specialist:**

* 18 years or older
* 2 years of abstinence-based recovery
* Turn in transcript, diploma, or degree.
  + GED, High School Diploma, or equivalent
* Turn in “Open Criminal History” Background check from the Arkansas State Police
  + No murder, manslaughter, sex crimes, or active warrants accepted.
* No Medical Marijuana Card users excepted.

**Advanced Peer Specialist:**

* Current Arkansas Core Peer Recovery Specialist Certification (PR)
* Have 2 years of abstinence-based recovery.
* Have Peer Recovery Peer Supervisor (PRPS) evaluation form.
* Submit a signed and dated copy of the Arkansas Peer Code of Ethics.

**Peer Recovery Peer Supervisor:**

* Have a current Arkansas Advanced Peer Recovery Specialist Certification (APR)
* Be currently employed as an Advanced Peer Recovery Specialist (APR)
* Have a minimum of 3 years of abstinence-based recovery.
* Submit a signed and dated copy of the Arkansas Peer Code of Ethics.

# Application Process

Once an applicant has submitted their Peer Support Application and all their supporting documentation, DHS looks over it to see if they need anything else. If we don’t need anything else, we will give the applicant a call to do a phone interview to get to know the applicant. By the end of the phone interview, we can tell the applicant if they are accepted or denied. If accepted, the applicant will be given a training date and all the information the applicant needs for it (location, time, what to expect, etc.). If denied, we give the applicant the reason for denial and answer any questions they may have about the denial.

Supervisor applications are taken to Arkansas Peer Advisory Committee (APAC) for a vote. After the vote, DHS will call and let the applicant know their training date if accepted. If denied, we will let the applicant know that as well.