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You can get the application, re-certification application, other documents and information from our website https://dsamh.utah.gov/. Once you are on the website go to the education tab and then to peer support.

Requirements:
1. Have lived experience and be a person in sustained recovery for at least one year from Mental Health and or Substance Use.
2. Be 18 years of age or older
3. Have at least a HS diploma or equivalent

You need to submit a completed application along with:

1. Two letters of reference. One should be from a clinical professional (therapist or family practitioner) and the other can be from a friend, family member, church or other religious organization.
2. Provide a history of your recovery journey.
3. Describe what you are doing to remain in recovery. Please include 4 or 5 examples.
4. In what ways have you assisted others using your own experience as an example?

Please send these documents to utahpeersupport@utah.gov for review.
Please do not wait until a training to submit your application. We do have a waitlist and we try to get the older applications in at the earliest possible times. We currently have three organizations providing the approved training’s. We will reach out to you if we have additional questions and you will also be notified when you are approved for training.

Then your application will be sent to the person providing the training for their review and approval.