

Application Form  
For  
Pennsylvania Telecommunications Relay Service Advisory Board  
M-00900239

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Date of Application: 12-1-13

**Provide the Following:**

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City: Altoona State: PA Zip 16602

County of Residence: Blair Phone Number: (814) 201 - 5033 *8:00-5:00pm*

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How would you identify yourself (please check one):

- Hearing
- Deaf/Blind
- Hard of Hearing
- Speech Impaired
- Deaf

(By Order, at Docket No. M-00900239 entered May 29, 1990 the TRS Board must consist of members from hearing and speech impaired communities.)

Have you ever used TRS Services (check which applies):  Yes  No

If yes, please list any services you have used: I WAS ON THE BOARD FIVE YEARS.

Have you read and understand the Board's By-Laws?  Yes  No

**Include the following information, on a separate sheet of paper, with this application and please limit responses to a couple of sentences:**

- Briefly describe why you are interested in joining this Board.
- Briefly describe your skills or experiences that match the purpose and responsibilities of the Board.
- Briefly describe what you expect to gain from being a member of this Board.
- Explain your involvement, describe the benefit the community you represent would gain from membership to this Board, and how you best represent the deaf, speech impaired, deaf blind or hard of hearing community.
- Please attach a copy of your resume and a letter of recommendation.

**Mail your application packet to:** Ms. Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, P.O. Box 3265, Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265.

December 2, 2013

Pennsylvania Telecommunications Relay Service

Advisory Board

Ms. Rosemary Chiavette, Secretary

PUC

P.O. Box 3265

Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

Dear Chairman Steve Shultz and Council Members;

I am writing to you because I would like to submit my application here to inquirer for a position when an opening is available to be a part of your team again. I truly believe in what you all do in this council to advocate for communication for those with hearing loss here in Pennsylvania.

My job allows me to work with the community of those with hearing loss at all ages and also to help keep them posted on any update that is important for them to be aware of. My truly heart is being a good advocate and team member no matter where I am. Most important is keeping the communication available for those that needs. I work well with everyone and those who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Cochlear Implant and Deaf and Blind, we can't forget the hearing world as well because we need to keep our mind open and help the hearing world to be educate on what our rights are, assistance tech that are available, communication. What is the best communication for one Deaf or Hard of Hearing person may not be the best for another deaf or hard of hearing person. We need to match that communication for that person need and what works best for them.

My responsibilities and experienced does give a lot of good to the Council. I have 22 years experienced and from being a person who was hearing, than to Hard of Hearing most of my years till I became profound deaf. I have learned to be happy with who I am with my hearing lost, because there is nothing that I cannot do and with my experienced of advocate to help the others who are not fully aware of their rights, or have been educated or what TRS is all about.

Should there be an opening I would like to have my cover letter and a little bit of information on who I am, to be review and I would also like to mention that I used to be on this Council for 2 years. My reason for stepping down was my terms of 6 years were finished and I had to step down for a while.

Thank you again for your time to read my letter and should you have any questions, feel free to contact me either by email: [Lkelly@cilscca.org](mailto:Lkelly@cilscca.org) or VP: 814-201-5033.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leslie A. Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, flowing initial 'L' and a long, sweeping underline.

Leslie A. Kelly

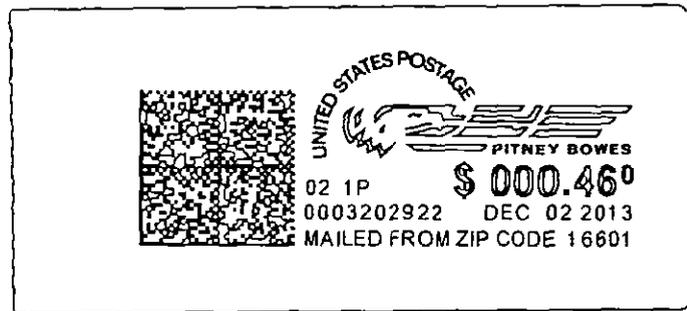
Leslie A. Kelly lives in Altoona, Pa. She became deaf later in life. She has worked for the Center for Independent Living of South Central PA as a Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist for the last 22 years and is still present with the agency.

She teaches basic sign language at the Center. She enjoys her job helping people with hearing loss to understand their needs to be independent and how to get the services that they need. She finds this as rewarding, successful experience when helping someone with a hearing loss. She advocates for service dogs for people with hearing loss. Leslie had a Certified Service dog for 10 years, until her first dog became ill and had to be put down due to cancer. She now has her second hearing dog for the last 3 years.

Leslie also has just started in October 2011 and is the founder of the "Service Paws of Central PA", this advisory board is to help those with Service dogs that serve or for someone who may be in need of a service dog.

Leslie served on the Advisory Board for the State wide Telephone Relay Service in Harrisburg, PA This is to make sure the right communication is given to those with hearing loss. ***I would like to come back since I have not been on the board for two years.***

Leslie Kelly  
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