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Youth Worker Volunteer Packet

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Thank you for taking the time to share this information with us. We want you to know the following information will be kept strictly confidential and only shared with the appropriate staff as deemed necessary.



Youth Worker

Check-Off Form

This application is to be completed by all applicants for any volunteer position involving the supervision or custody of youth, ages 12 to 18 or grades 7 to 12. This application is used to help provide a safe and secure environment for the youth and adults who participate in the programs of River of God Church. This application will be kept completely confidential and will be used only by the leadership of River of God Church.

The disturbing and traumatic rise of physical and sexual abuse of youth/children has claimed the attention of our nation and society. The following policies reflect our commitment to provide protective care for all youth and volunteers who participate in church-sponsored activities.

This policy applies to all River of God Church sponsored events, camps, retreats and district activities. Volunteers wishing to participate in such activities must have all necessary forms, clearances and applications on file PRIOR to working with youth.

Following are the forms, clearances and applications needed:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date Completed</i>	<i>Approved</i>
1. Application:	_____	Yes or No
2. General Guidelines	_____	Yes or No
3. Commitment Statements	_____	Yes or No
4. Essay	_____	Yes or No
5. References	_____	Yes or No
a. Returned reference one	_____	Yes or No
b. Returned reference two	_____	Yes or No
c. Returned reference three	_____	Yes or No
6. Trak-1 Screening	_____	Yes or No
7. Driver Record Screening	_____	Yes or No



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Application

Personal Information – Please print clearly

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Can you receive texts? _____

Work Phone: _____

Can you receive calls at work? _____

Email Address: _____

Do you use Facebook? _____

Marital Status: Single Married Widowed Divorced Remarried

If married, spouse name: _____

Is your spouse in favor of you working with teenagers? _____

Name and Ages of all dependents: _____

Describe how you plan to balance your commitments to this ministry with your personal, family commitments: _____

Emergency Contact Person Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Relationship: _____

Do you have any physical handicaps or conditions that would prevent you from performing certain types of activities? Please explain. _____

Do you hold a high school degree or GED? _____

Do you have any college education? _____

Do you have any Bible School Education? _____

Do you have personal health and/or accident insurance? Yes or No

Policy Holder's Name: _____

Insurance Company: _____

Group Number: _____

Policy Number: _____

Church Activity Information – Please print clearly

When did you accept Jesus Christ as your personal savior? _____

When were you baptized with the Holy Spirit? _____

When did you become a member of River of God Church? _____

If you have been a member less than two years, please list the last church of which you were a member, including the address, phone number and Pastor's name: _____

List the names and addresses of other churches you have attended regularly during the past five years, as well as the names of the pastors whose leadership you were under:

What age would you like to work with? Junior High (7th & 8th) or High School (9th – 12th)

List previous church work involving youth (identify church and type of work)

On what date would you be available? _____

Are you willing to commit to a one-year period of service? _____

Do you hold a Bus CDL or are willing to get one? _____

Character Information – Please print clearly

Do you have a current driver’s license?	Yes	or	No
Have your driver’s license ever been suspended or revoked?	Yes	or	No
Do you use tobacco?	Yes	or	No
Do you drink alcoholic beverages?	Yes	or	No
Do you use illegal substances? (Drugs)	Yes	or	No
Have you ever been arrested for or convicted for the use or sale of drugs?	Yes	or	No
Have you ever been arrested for or convicted of child neglect or abuse?	Yes	or	No
Have you ever been arrested for or convicted of domestic abuse?	Yes	or	No

Have you ever been criminally charged with, investigated for, or civil sued for any of the following offenses: rape, sodomy, sexual abuse, sexual battery, contributing to the sexual delinquency of a minor, sexual misconduct, public indecency, or any other similar criminal offense? Yes or No

If Yes, Provide Details: _____

Have you ever been arrested for or convicted of ANY criminal offense? Yes or No

If Yes, Provide Details: _____

Other than the above matters, is there any fact or circumstance involving you or your background that would call into question your being entrusted with the supervision, guidance and care of youth?

Yes or No

If Yes, Provide Details: _____

Applicant’s Statement

The information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize any references or churches listed in this application to give to River of God Church or its representative any information they have regarding my character and fitness for youth work and I release all such references from liability for any damage that may result from furnishing such evaluation to River of God Church.

Should my application be accepted, I agree to be bound by the bylaws and policies of River of God Church and the Assemblies of God and to refrain from unscriptural conduct in the performance of my services on behalf of the church and in personal lifestyle.

In signing this application, I affirm that the information that I have given here is true and correct.

Applicant’s Signature

Date



Youth Worker

General Guidelines

General Guidelines and Policies of a Youth Worker

1. No youth worker who has been convicted of child abuse, either sexual or physical will be used in any type of volunteer service in any church-sponsored activity or program for youth.
2. All youth workers are required to be River of God Church members.
3. All youth workers are required to be adherents in regular attendance to a Sunday morning church service (9am or 11am) on a regular basis (no less than 3 per month).
4. All youth workers are required to regularly attend a youth small group when scheduled.
5. All youth workers are required to regularly attend scheduled recreational youth events.
6. All youth workers are required to maintain a strong personal devotional life.
7. All youth workers must be willing to pray with youth at the altar and lead them in a salvation prayer when the need arises.
8. All youth workers are required to adhere to and respect the leadership of River of God Church.
9. All youth workers are required to wear youth department t-shirts to youth sponsored events.
10. All youth workers are required to abide by the policies of River of God Church and to refrain from unscriptural conduct and lifestyle choices.
11. All youth workers should observe the “two adult rule,” which requires that adults are not along with individual youth without another adult present.
12. All youth workers must follow the approved youth discipline policy and may not use corporal punishment or be demeaning or abusive to any youth or parents.
13. All youth workers should immediately report any behavior of youth or adults which seems abusive or inappropriate.

I agree to abide by these guidelines and policies:

Signature & Date



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Commitment Statements

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Commitment to Beliefs

I am a born again believer. I have been baptized in the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4 or am actively seeking. I am in agreement with the Assemblies of God Doctrine and am willing to fashion all teaching and answers after it. I agree to maintain a strong personal devotional life. I agree to live a Godly lifestyle and display Christ-like character. I recognize my life will serve as an example to the youth and I will be intentional about not causing any of the youth to fall into sin due to personal decisions.

Signature

Commitment to Ministry

I agree to be in regular attendance to church services and youth events. I will show an evident commitment to River of God Church and its leadership. I am willing to arrive one hour early to youth events to assist with set-up and connection time. I am willing to stay after events and assist with clean up until the task is completed. I am willing to attend monthly youth leadership meetings and trainings. I am willing to consistently pray for the youth ministry. I will act in love toward all other members of the ministry team. I will refuse to gossip. I will support and follow the leadership of the Youth Pastor.

Signature



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Essay

Testimony & Calling Essay

On a separate sheet of paper, please type your testimony. Important details to include are descriptions of your life prior to salvation, your personal salvation experience, the date of your salvation, and a description of your life after you accepted Jesus as your savior. Include in this essay a description of how you live out your salvation on a daily basis, such as how you do your devotions, if you have an accountability partner and what helps you grow in the Lord. Also include in this essay why you want to work with teenagers. Describe your vision for the youth ministry and how you see yourself within that vision. Specifically describe any talents or gifting you feel you have that would benefit the youth ministry. Also, describe any experience you have working with teenagers and how that experience can be used to prepare you to work with teenagers at River of God Church.

Submit this essay with your application. The Youth Worker's Application cannot be processed without the essay.



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References

References

It is the responsibility of each applicant to give clear and accurate reference information for each of the references listed below. River of God Church will use this information to mail each reference provider a personal reference form. When each form is completed, it should be mailed to River of God Church, Attn: Youth Pastor, 747 Wertzville Road, Enola, PA 17025. Youth worker's applications cannot be processed until all three reference forms are received.

By voluntarily choosing and naming the below references, each youth worker applicant agrees to give authorization to obtain from the reference providers any information he or she might have regarding the applicant's character and fitness for working with teenagers. The youth worker applicant further releases each reference provider from liability for any damage that may result from him or her furnishing River of God Church with such an evaluation.

Youth Worker Applicant signature &
date for authorization to obtain
information and release of liability

(References CANNOT BE relatives or members of the River of God Church pastoral staff)

1. (Name) _____ (Phone #) _____
(Address) _____
2. (Name) _____ (Phone #) _____
(Address) _____
3. (Name) _____ (Phone #) _____
(Address) _____



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Screenings

Trak-1 Volunteer Screening

I (please print Youth Worker Applicant's Name)

_____ hereby authorize

River of God Church to conduct a Trak-1 Volunteer Certification Screening. I willfully submit my name, birth date, and Social Security number to River of God Church for the purpose of conducting the Trak-1 Volunteer Certification Screening.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Driver's License #: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Social Security #: _____

I further authorize River of God Church to perform a 3 year driver record history check through the PA Department of Transportation to determine my eligibility to transport youth.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____