

Children and Youth Ministry Volunteer Application

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Santa Clara Church of Christ Children's and Youth Ministry takes its responsibility to protect children and youth very seriously. It is our desire to provide a safe, loving, consistent and spiritually-nurturing environment for those who come to our church. We expect volunteers to desire this as well. This application will provide us with the information that we need to protect those in our ministry, and to find the best place for you in the ministry. Thank you for taking the time to fill out this application and for considering to work with the children and youth as part of your service to God!

BASIC INFORMATION

Name _____
First Middle Last Name

_____ Home Phone Number Work Phone Number Cell Phone Number

Address: _____
Number, Street City State ZIP

Email: _____ MySpace/Facebook: _____

Marital Status: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Children's Names and Ages: _____

Current occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Education Background: _____

How long have you been attending SCCC? _____

Are you a member of SCCC? _____ Membership date: _____

Please check the specific ministry that you are applying for: Children Youth

What age group do you want to work with? _____

What area of ministry do you want to work in? _____

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PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH CHILDREN/YOUTH

Have you served in a church/ministry before? _____ If so, please describe your experience(s):

Position: _____ Dates of service: _____

Church name: _____

Address: _____

Church city: _____ State: _____ Phone: _____

Ministry supervisor: _____

Have you served in a non-ministry setting with children/youth? _____ If so, please describe your experience(s):

Position: _____ Dates of service: _____

Organization name: _____

Address: _____

Organization city: _____ State: _____ Phone: _____

Organization supervisor: _____

Please list other experience:

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PERSONAL HISTORY AND INFORMATION

Write a brief account of your faith story. How and when did you come to know Christ?

How would you describe your spiritual life right now?

Why do you want to work with children/youth?

What are your spiritual gifts and how do you see them used within the children's/youth ministry?

Is there any area in your life that you would like to change to make yourself a better example to children/youth? Please explain.

Do you have any areas of struggle or addiction, past or present? Please explain.

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As a leader of children/youth, what is your personal standard in the following areas?
Illegal drugs, Alcohol, Media (i.e. movies, music, TV, etc.), Pornography

Do you feel that you have the time to commit to the children's/youth ministry? Will volunteering have an ill effect on your relationship with God, your family, or your work?

Have you discussed your possible involvement within ministry with your children/youth? What was their response?

What are your hobbies and special abilities?

REFERENCES

Please provide three character references that can identify your strengths and weaknesses. Include one who is a member of SCCC and two who are either former employers or representatives of other organizations for which you have volunteered.

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DOCTRINAL BELIEFS

Below is a list of beliefs that our church holds to be true. Please initial next to each category thereby stating that you agree with the statement.

God

_____ I believe that there is one eternal God, existing in three coequal persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. He is all-knowing, all-present, and all-powerful, and through His power He created everything that exists. (Matthew 28, Mark 10, John 17, 1 John 3)

Jesus Christ

_____ I believe that Jesus Christ, both fully human and fully divine, is the one and only Son of God, who died on the cross and rose from the dead so that we may have forgiveness from our sins and new life. He is the person of God by which the entire world was made and in whom all things have their meaning. He is the only sinless man, and His life serves as our perfect example to which we strive to conform. (John 1, Colossians 1, Hebrews 9)

The Holy Spirit

_____ I believe that the Holy Spirit, advocate and messenger, present and active in both the Old and New Testaments, was poured out on all men after Christ. He was sent to teach truth, to convict the world of its sin, to guide believers, and to keep them from corruption. The Spirit guides us toward fullness in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. (John 16, Galatians 5)

Personal Salvation

_____ I believe that through His death and resurrection, Christ has provided freedom from our sins and has given the gift of eternal life. His gift of grace is freely given to all who believe, confess, repent, are baptized, and continue in submission and service to God. This gift cannot be taken away, but people can choose to "throw it away" or to deny it. This salvation brings back life, communion with God, and provides the Spirit to dwell in those who follow Him. (Acts 2-3, Philippians 2, Titus 2, 1 Timothy 1)

The Bible

_____ I believe that the Bible (both Old and New Testaments) is the inspired, inerrant, and active Word of God. It transcends culture and is the ultimate, eternal authority. It moves us towards wisdom, and it is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training. (2 Timothy 3; 2 Peter 1)

The Church

_____ I believe that all those who give their lives in humble service to the Father are a part of the community of the body of Christ. The Church is to live by the Great Commission, and it is God's light in the darkness. This community of believers is to encourage and support those who follow Christ. The Lord's Supper reminds believers of the saving work of Christ, and challenges us to live lives that are holy and pleasing to God. (Matthew 28, Acts 2, 1 Corinthians 11)

****If you have any questions about the above beliefs please contact one of our church's Elders or Ministry Staff.***

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BACKGROUND

- Have you ever been arrested for, convicted of, or pleaded guilty or "no contest" to a criminal act? Yes No
- Have you ever been accused, arrested or convicted for any sexually-related crime? Yes No
- Have you ever been accused, arrested or convicted for any abuse-related crime? Yes No
- Have you used illegal drugs? Yes No
- Have you ever been hospitalized or treated for alcohol or substance abuse? Yes No
- Have you ever, to your knowledge, been investigated by Child Protective Services, or any other governmental agency involved with the protection of children? Yes No
- Have you ever had sexual relations with any minor after becoming an adult? Yes No

If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, please explain each one on a separate paper.

_____ *I give Santa Clara Church of Christ permission to check my references, church history, personal and criminal background using the information I've provided in this application.*

_____ *I understand that the personal information learned from such background checks will be held confidential by the church staff and Elders.*

_____ *I affirm, to the best of my knowledge, that the information on this application is true and correct.*

Applicant Signature _____ **Date** _____

Print Full Name: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Birth date: _____ Driver's License Number: _____

Please list the states you have lived in for the last 10 years: _____
(Include DL# for states lived in within the last 5 years)