

Geist Community Church (GCC) Children, Youth, & Family Volunteer Application

This application is to be completed by all those desiring a ministry position involving the supervision or custody of minors (those under 18). It is being used to help our church provide a safe and secure environment for the infants, children, and youth who participate in our programs and use our facilities.

Name _____ Gender (circle one) Male / Female

Address (include City/state/zip) _____

Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

E-Mail _____ Occupation/Employer _____

Birth Date (MM/DD/YY) _____ Marital Status _____

If Married, How Long? _____ Spouse's Name _____

If you have children, what are their ages? _____

How long have you lived in the Indy area? _____ How long have you attended GCC? _____

How long have you been a member? _____ *(note: membership is required to serve in GCC ministries.)*

Name any previous churches and how long you attended (if applicable)?

Give a brief testimony about how God saved you along with your present walk with the Lord.

Volunteer Or Ministry Experience At Other Churches Or Organizations:

Church/Organization	Address w/ City	Ministry Work	Supervisor
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____

Why do you want to serve in the children, youth, or family ministry? _____

What gifts/abilities/hobbies do you have that would help this ministry? _____

Confidential Information

The following questions are designed to help us promote a safe, secure, and loving environment for the children who participate in our programs. This information will be kept confidential, viewed only by the pastor who oversees family ministry or other elders he deems necessary and appropriate. If you would like to discuss any of these matters further with a pastor/elder, please simply indicate that below or leave the form blank.

Answering "yes" to any of these questions will not necessarily disqualify you from participating in children's ministry at Geist Community Church.

1. Have you ever been a victim of abuse?

(Many people have experienced abuse at the hands of others. Most victims of abuse abhor such behavior and are especially alert and sensitive to the need to provide a safe and caring environment for children. At the same time, residual effects may remain in some people's lives, including a hesitancy to report suspected child abuse, which is why we ask this question.)

- Yes
- No
- I would like to discuss this.

Comments:

2. Have you ever been accused of, participated in, plead guilty to, or been convicted of child abuse, child neglect, or any other crime against a minor?

- Yes
- No
- I would like to discuss this with a pastor/elder

Comments:

3. Have you ever been convicted of or plead guilty to a crime (other than minor traffic violations)?

- Yes
- No
- I would like to discuss this with a pastor/elder

Comments:

4. Have you ever used illegal drugs or abused alcohol or prescription medications?

- Yes
- No
- I would like to discuss this with a pastor/elder

Comments:

5. Have you deliberately and repeatedly viewed pornography in the past three years? *(This includes reading, watching, listening to, or in any other way using pornographic material, including books, magazines, television shows, movies, the Internet, or telephone services.)*

- Yes
- No
- I would like to discuss this with a pastor/elder

Comments:

6. Have you ever participated in homosexual conduct?

- Yes
- No
- I would like to discuss this with a pastor/elder

Comments:

7. Do you have any communicable diseases or infections such as TB, Hepatitis B, HIV/AIDS, MRSA (Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus), etc.?

- Yes
- No
- I would like to discuss this with a pastor/elder

Comments:

8. Is there anything else pertaining to your background that could disqualify you from being entrusted with the supervision, guidance, and/or care of young people

- Yes
- No
- I would like to discuss this with a pastor/elder

Comments:

Personal References

Every applicant for participation in children's ministry must provide two personal references. The Director of Children's Ministry will contact these references.

If you are still pursuing membership or you have been a member of Geist Community Church for ***less than one year***, please list:

1. A pastor or church leader from the church you most recently attended
2. A person with whom you have worked/served in the past who knows you well. (If you have served in children's ministry in the past, please list someone who served with you in that context.)

If you have been a member of Geist Community Church for ***more than one year***, please list

1. An elder, small group leader, or other church leader who knows you well
2. Another member of Geist Community Church who knows you well and can attest to your suitability to work with children.

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

(cont.) _____

(cont.) _____

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Relation: _____

Relation: _____

How long has he/she known you? _____

How long has he/she known you? _____

Applicant's Statement

The information I have given here is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree that information or significant omissions may disqualify me from further consideration for service and maybe considered justification for dismissal if discovered at a later date. I also authorize Geist Community Church to contact references and to conduct background checks. I understand that this information will be used to determine my eligibility for volunteer positions. I also understand that as long as I remain a volunteer here, GCC may repeat the driving and criminal background checks at any time.

I authorize any references, churches or other organizations listed in this application to give Geist Community Church any information that they may have regarding my character and fitness to work with children, and I release all such references from liability for any damage that may result from furnishing such evaluations to you, and I waive any right that I may have to inspect references provided on my behalf.

I will prepare for ministry by maintaining my personal relationship with Christ.

I will support the teaching ministry by praying for the church, the leadership, the other volunteers and specifically the children in my class.

I will co-operate with other ministries and place the greater good of the whole body over the needs of my ministry.

I will be faithful and dependable in this ministry. I commit to knowing when I am scheduled to serve and arriving to serve on time.

I will continue my personal growth and education by participating in volunteer training.

I understand that this information will be held confidential.

Signature _____

Date _____

Staff Signature _____

Date _____

Comments: _____

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NOTICE TO VOLUNTEERS REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION

I understand that a consumer report (background screening report) and/or an investigative consumer report (reference checks and/or interviews) that may include information from public or private sources regarding my character, driving records, criminal history, court records (both civil and criminal), qualifications and experience, work habits, and/or other information relevant to my volunteer service may be obtained in connection with my application as a volunteer with Geist Community Church.

I understand that, if I am approved for volunteer service by Geist Community Church, this background check authorization will be kept on file and may be used at any time during my service to procure further information when, in the judgment of Geist Community Church, such may be necessary.

I hereby release and discharge to the extent permitted by law, Geist Community Church, its employees, any individual or agency obtaining information for Geist Community Church, and any personal or professional reference, from any and all claims, damages, losses, liabilities, costs, or other expenses arising from the retrieving, reporting and/or disclosure of information in connection with this background investigation.

I understand that I am volunteering my services and declare in no way shall I be considered an employee or subcontractor or independent contractor of Geist Community Church.

By signing below, I, _____, have read, understand and consent to the above. I further authorize that a photographic copy or a telephonic facsimile of this document shall be valid for purposes present and future. My signature below certifies that all information I have provided in connection with this background check is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge.

AUTHORIZATION

Print Name (Last, first, Middle)

Social Security Number (SSN)

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)
(For ID Purposes Only)

Drivers License Number

Drivers License State

Any other names I have been known by: _____

Current Address: _____

Previous Addresses (Last 10 Years): _____

Signature

Date

Note: after we run the background check, we will shred this final page due to the presence of your SSN.