



Children's Ministry Volunteer Application West Houston Church of Christ

Thank you so much for your interest in joining us in our work here at the West Houston Church of Christ. We take our commitment to the safety and security of our children, as well as their spiritual formation, very seriously. We hope that you will be patient as we go through the process of approving our Ministry Partners.

This Packet includes:

- Volunteer Expectations
- Background Check Permission and Application (2 pages)
 - All volunteers at the West Houston Church of Christ who work with children must submit to a background check. The primary type of background check we use includes a U.S. Criminal Record Indicator database search and a Social Security number search. A United States Criminal Record Indicator database check searches electronic criminal files and record databases of government agencies, including sexual offenders' registries. The results of all screening procedures are kept in strictest confidence. Most of these procedures include certain rights for you as a volunteer, such as disclosure of the results. A summary of these rights is included in this packet.
****We do not do a credit check.**
- Children's Ministry Volunteer Application

Please return the last 3 pages of this packet and a copy of your driver's license to a children's minister or front office. If you have any questions about these screening procedures, please feel free to contact us.

Lauren Hightower
K2D Children's Minister

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K2D Preschool Minister

Kyna Sanderson
K2D Nursery Coordinator



VOLUNTEER EXPECTATIONS

Within our children's ministry, we believe our volunteers are acting as... "Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us", II Corinthians 5:20.

As a we minister to children we expect our volunteers to live with integrity, as they work directly with our impressionable children. Please be aware that as a volunteer, children will be watching and imitating you, so our volunteers are expected to:

1. Maintain a close personal relationship with God by personal Bible study, and an active prayer life.
2. Live a life which outwardly glorifies God.
3. Attend worship services regularly, and be involved in an adult Bible class when not serving in the children's ministry.
4. Love children and have a desire to share God's love with them.
5. Attend a training session.



Please sign and return the last 3 pages.

Permission to Conduct Background Check

Notice, Authorization, and Release for the Procurement of an Investigative Report

I, the undersigned volunteer, do hereby authorize the West Houston Church of Christ by and through its independent contractor, to procure an investigative criminal/social security report on me. I understand that this authorization and release shall be valid for subsequent investigative criminal/social security reports during my volunteer service at West Houston Church of Christ for the purpose of investigating any incidents of misconduct or criminal activity for which I am alleged to have been involved during my volunteer service.

These above-mentioned reports may include, but are not limited to, information as to my character, general reputation, and personal characteristics, discerned through employment and education verifications; personal references; personal interviews; my personal credit history based on reports from any credit bureau; my driving history, including any traffic citations; a Social Security number verification; present and former addresses; criminal and civil history/records; any other public record.

I further authorize any person, business entity, or governmental agency who may have information relevant to the above to disclose the same to West Houston Church of Christ by and through the contractor, including, but not limited to any and all courts, public agencies, law enforcement agencies, and credit bureaus, regardless of whether such person, business entity or governmental agency compiled the information itself or received it from other sources.

I understand that I am entitled to a complete and accurate disclosure of the nature and scope of any investigative criminal/social security report of which I am the subject upon my written request to West Houston Church of Christ, if such is made within a reasonable time after the date hereof. I also understand that I may receive a written summary of my rights under 15 U.S.C. § 1681et. seq.

Signature _____ Date _____



Please complete in full and return with application.

Identifying Information for Background Check Agency

(Please Print)

Name _____
Last First Middle

Other Names Used (alias, maiden, nickname) _____

Current Address _____

City State Zip

Social Security Number _____ Daytime Phone _____

Driver's License Number _____ State of Issuance _____

*Date of Birth _____ *Gender _____

** This information will enable the investigating contractor to properly identify you during the course of the background search.*



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Personal and Confidential

Date: _____ Birth date _____

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Current Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Email Address _____

Have you ever been convicted of, or pleaded guilty to a crime?

Yes _____

No _____ (If yes, please explain on the back of this form)

Do you have a valid Driver's License? Yes _____ No _____

Please print your Driver's license number OR attach a copy of your license.

List previous church involvement, including other churches, and dates of activity.

Please list two personal references below that can speak to your character and ability to work well with children and other adult volunteers.

Personal Reference 1

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Relationship: _____

Personal Reference 2

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Relationship: _____

I prefer to work with the following age group(s):

____ Nursery

____ Preschool

____ Elementary