



TEEN APPLICATION

**for those serving with children, students
and/or persons with disabilities**



NOTE: Students may begin to serve in Children's Ministries at age 10 as long as they serve alongside a parent or approved adult sponsor. High school students may serve without a parent, but must have parental approval.

Dear Teen and Parent(s),

We are so thankful that your teenager is interested in serving in a Wheaton Bible Church ministry. We hope he or she will continue to serve all the days of his or her life no matter where, since service is part of our Christian obedience. Please help your child complete the Teen Application and review the following expectations with your son or daughter and return the signed application.

Steps to getting involved:

- Complete this Teen Application and turn it in to the Expeditions Ministry Welcome Desk, Student Ministries Office, or mail it to Church (Attention: Child Protection)
- Read and agree to the Wheaton Bible Church Statement of Faith (back of this page)
- Complete On-line Training Course
 - When we receive your completed Application, we will email you information regarding the Children's Ministry's On-line Training Course and Safety Procedures. This course will take about 45 minutes to complete. If you do not have email we will mail this information to you.

Expectations:

- Commit to serve as often as you have agreed to serve (weekly, every other week, or once a month). Every teacher/helper is important and is needed to minister to the children in a safe and encouraging way.
- Arrive on time (if serving on Sundays, arrive 15 minutes before the service begins) and stay until the end of class.
- Notify your Team Leader or Ministry Head in advance if you will be absent.
- Provide one month notice if you have to leave your position before the end of the ministry year.
- Be a part of the ministry team in your classroom. Participate in the lesson and worship, reinforcing it with the children.
- Be a positive role model and Christ-like example for children wherever you are: in the classroom, other places at church, and at school. The children look up to you!
- Dress appropriately for working with children (you may be on the floor and need to be modest at all times).
- Attend any Children/Student/Pueblo del Pueblo or other ministry training sessions or meetings as necessary to sharpen your skills, give input and get to know your team.
- Be an active member or attender of WBC, attending worship services on a regular basis.

Our commitment to you:

- We will be available to you for training, questions, ideas, resources and support.
- We will keep you supplied with items for your classroom (Resource Centers on both floors).
- We will pray for you and your investment in the lives of the kids you serve.

We value each Teen Helper and appreciate their assistance. We pray that your son or daughter will know they are not just serving the children and families of our church, but that they are serving our Lord, Jesus Christ. We will pray for your teen as he or she seeks to honor the Lord. We look forward to serving alongside your son or daughter.



about us

what we believe

ALL SCRIPTURE IS INSPIRED

Wheaton Bible Church Statement of Faith

We will glorify God as a worshiping and caring community with a local and global passion to share Jesus Christ with others, build joyful followers of Christ, and equip them to transform their world.

We believe that all Scripture is given by inspiration of God in the sense that the Holy Spirit so guided the sacred writers that the words they wrote constitute the Word of God, our only final rule of faith and conduct (II Timothy 3:15-17; II Peter 1:9-21).

We believe that the Godhead eternally exists in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and that these three are one God, having the same nature, attributes, and perfection, and are worthy of the same homage, confidence and obedience (Matthew 28:19-20; John 14:6-17, II Corinthians 13:14; Colossians 1:13-19; Hebrews 1:1-3).

We believe that man was originally created in the image of God to worship and serve God in His creation, that he fell from this high calling, and through his sin lost all spiritual life and became subject to the power of the devil. This fallen human nature has been transmitted to all men everywhere, the man Christ Jesus excepted, so that every child of Adam is alienated from God and in need of saving grace (Genesis 1:26-28; Psalm 8; Romans 1:18 and 3:23; Ephesians 2:1-3).

We believe that the eternal Son of God became incarnate to reveal God to men and to reconcile men to God, that in historical fact He was born of the virgin Mary, lived on earth, was crucified and buried, rose from the dead, and ascended into Heaven (John 1:1-14; Acts 2:22-36; Philippians 2:5-11).

We believe that salvation for men has been provided by the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ, who died as our substitute, shedding His blood for the remission of our sins (Romans 5:6-21; Colossians 1:12-14, 20-22; I Peter 1:18-23).

We believe that salvation is received by faith and that those who trust Christ as Savior receive forgiveness and are born again, passing from spiritual death unto everlasting life (John 3:1-18; Romans 5:1-5; Ephesians 2:4-10; Titus 3:4-7).

We believe that all who are born again by the Spirit may be assured of their salvation and that this assurance is based upon the testimony of God in His written Word, which induces within us love and obedience (Romans 8:15-17, 31-39; I John 3:7-14, 5:1-13).

We believe that the true Church is composed of all who are born again, that the Holy Spirit baptizes all believers into one body, endowing the Church with the gifts needed for its work. We are, therefore, to rise above personal and sectarian differences and to maintain the unity of the Spirit in love and peace (Romans 12:4-19; I Corinthians 12:1-27; Ephesians 4:1-16).

We believe that the Holy Spirit is our abiding Comforter and Helper, strengthening faith and devotion and conforming us to the image of Christ (John 16:7-15; Romans 8:1-14; I Corinthians 6:19-20).

We believe that we are called to holy living in obedience to the Word of God, putting away sinful desires and cultivating the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:16-25; Colossians 3:1-7, II Timothy 3:14-17).

We believe in that blessed hope, the personal return of Christ for His Church. At death the redeemed enter into the presence of Christ, and after the resurrection of the body at His coming, they shall be forever with Him in His glory. Unbelievers after death await the final judgment when they shall be punished with everlasting separation from the presence of the Lord (I Corinthians 15:19-58; Philippians 1:20-23; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 20:11-15).

We believe that the world is to experience the judgment of God. It will be neither converted nor perfected during the present age, but the Lord Jesus will return to earth to reign in righteousness. At the end of the millennium, He will usher in His eternal Kingdom (II Timothy 3:1-5; Isaiah 11:1-9; Revelation 20-22).



TEEN APPLICATION

for those serving with children,
students and/or persons with disabilities



All volunteers applying to serve in a ministry involving children/students must complete this form. When finished, please place this form in a sealed envelope (Attention: Child Protection), and return it to the Expedition Ministries Welcome Desk, Student Ministries Office, or mail it to church. We greatly appreciate the time you've taken to complete this application.

OFFICE USE ONLY:		Training Course sent	___/___/___
Date Received	___/___/___	Data Input (circle):	Shelby CP
Nat'l S.O. Check	___/___/___ + -	Application Review	____ + -
Reference Check	___/___/___ + -	(Initials)	_____
Interview Date	___/___/___ + -	Approval Code	_____ Date ___/___/___
Ministry Head Signature	_____ + -	Interviewer	_____

Application Date: _____

Ministry applying for (Sunday School, Student Ministries, AWANA, Puente del Pueblo, etc.) _____

Age/grade you wish to serve with (if you have a preference) _____

If serving Sunday mornings, please circle the time you prefer: 8:00-9:30 9:30-11:00 11:00-12:30 No Preference

PLEASE PRINT

First Name _____ Middle Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

School _____ Year in School _____ Birth Date ___/___/___

Home Telephone (_____) _____ Cell Phone Number (_____) _____

Email Address _____ Preferred way to contact you (please circle): home phone / cell phone / email

REFERENCES

These people should be well acquainted with you, including your abilities, character, and lifestyle. **Please choose ADULT references who meet the following criteria:** 1) are not related to you, 2) have seen you interact with children, and 3) have known you for at least one year.

1. Wheaton Bible Church (or previous church) Reference – If you do not have a church reference for number one, please provide another reference.

Name _____ Relationship _____

How long have you known this person? _____ E-mail _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell/Work Phone (_____) _____

2. Other Reference - Name _____ Relationship _____

How long have you known this person? _____ E-mail _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell/Work Phone (_____) _____

MINISTRY RELATED EXPERIENCE

Do you attend WBC? _____ If yes, how long have you attended? _____

If not, what church do you attend? _____ How long? _____

Please describe any previous and current church ministry experience, including name of person you reported to, and when and where you served:

Are you involved in Student Ministry? (Yes/No) _____ Do you feel connected? (Yes/No) _____ Explain _____

PERSONAL STATEMENT OF FAITH & INTENT

Why do you want to work with children and/or students? _____

SPIRITUAL JOURNEY *(Please take the time to answer these questions thoughtfully)*

Have you accepted Christ as your Savior? _____ If yes, when? _____

Describe your conversion/how did this occur? _____

How do you keep your life spiritually growing? _____

How is your life different because Jesus is your Savior and Lord? _____

If a friend asked you, "How does someone become a Christian?" how would you answer? _____

PERSONAL SITUATIONS

The following questions are personal and sensitive in nature. For the health and safety of our children, and for you, we must ask them. All information is held in strict confidence by limited WBC staff. A positive response does not necessarily exclude you from being involved in ministry.

1. Yes ___ No ___ I understand that we are teaching children to remain pure sexually until marriage. I understand that my lifestyle is an example to the children I will work with and I see the importance of being sexually pure. I affirm that this lifestyle is true of me at this time.
2. Yes ___ No ___ Within the last 7 years, have you struggled with drugs, alcohol, gambling, pornography, or any other addictions?
3. Yes ___ No ___ Within the last 3 years, have you struggled with eating disorders or cutting?
4. Yes ___ No ___ Do you currently struggle with any of the things mentioned in questions 1 - 3?
5. Yes ___ No ___ Has anyone suggested that you may have a problem with any of these things?
6. Yes ___ No ___ Do you have any health issues that might affect your work with children such as physical limitations, disabilities, illnesses, etc?
7. Yes ___ No ___ Have you ever been treated for a psychological disorder?
8. Yes ___ No ___ Are you currently being treated for a psychological disorder?
9. Yes ___ No ___ As a minor, were you ever a victim of physical abuse, sexual molestation, or exploitation?
10. Yes ___ No ___ Have you ever been accused or convicted of, or participated in physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, molestation, or exploitation of a minor?
11. Yes ___ No ___ Have you ever been convicted of any criminal activity, including any convictions for which records may have been expunged?
12. Yes ___ No ___ Have you ever been subjected to an order of protection or some similar order?
13. Yes ___ No ___ Is there any circumstance or pattern in your life that would hinder you from honoring Christ while working in this ministry?
14. Yes ___ No ___ **I agree to the Wheaton Bible Church Statement of Faith, which is included on the 2nd page of this Application.**
15. Yes ___ No ___ **I agree to let the WBC staff know if any of the above situations change, and if necessary, agree to step down from my responsibilities until those issues are resolved.**

If you answered **yes** to any of the questions 2 - 13, please explain. _____

(If there are some areas too personal or painful to explain in written form, please discuss them with the head of the ministry applying for, or with our pastoral staff.)

TEEN SERVICE AGREEMENT/VOLUNTEER EXPECTATIONS

Please carefully read through the following expectations and initial each one.

Training/Requirements:

- _____ If I am not yet in high school, I agree to serve alongside my parent or another adult approved by my parent(s). Once I am in high school, I may serve without a parent or approved sponsor.
- _____ I will commit to review the training materials required for everyone who works with children at WBC; including any (free) online training and/or DVD training sessions.
- _____ I will complete and turn in the Children's Ministry Teen Application.

Commitment/Absences:

- _____ I will commit to serve on a regular basis (every week, every other week, etc.) and **will notify my class team leader preferably 1 week in advance if I am unable to attend. This is very important to make sure there are enough leaders each week.** (And I count!)
- _____ I will commit to stay until the end of class; keeping the same schedule as the teacher (8:15 service = 8:00-9:30 am, 9:45 service = 9:30-11:00 am, 11:15 service = 11:00 am-12:30 pm).
- _____ All teen helpers must be on the roster for the classroom. Any additional helpers must be approved/authorized by the team leader before entering the classroom and will follow the same guidelines set for teen helpers.

Responsibilities:

- _____ I will read and prepare the lesson ahead of time and be ready to lead and apply the lesson each week.
- _____ I will be a positive role model and Christ-like example for children wherever I am: in the classroom, other places at church, and at school.
- _____ I will be a part of the ministry team and ask my classroom Team Leader how I can help in the class.
- _____ I will stay in the classroom with the children for the whole hour. I will NOT take children out of the room by myself for any reason.
- _____ I will remember to focus on the children (not on socializing with friends, texting, talking on the phone, or playing with my iPod during class).
- _____ I will play with ALL the children, not just my favorites. I will play with the kids that are crying, not just those that are happy.
- _____ I will play with a purpose; know the lesson of the day and reinforce it while playing with the children.
- _____ I will talk about God, Jesus, and His love whenever possible and will participate in the lesson/songs with the children.
- _____ I will dress appropriately for working with children (you may be on the floor playing; be modest at all times).
- _____ I will play gently with the children. Fighting games, wrestling, and tossing children in the air are not appropriate.
- _____ I will play gently with the toys in the room. I will roll the ball, NOT throw it around the class. I will build the blocks, NOT kick them.
- _____ I will allow the adults to change diapers and take children to the bathroom, youth staff is not allowed to do this.
- _____ I will NOT pick up the children, but sit with them on the floor or in a chair if they are crying.

STUDENT ACCEPTANCE & AGREEMENT: I hereby certify that all information provided in this form and on this Application is true, correct and complete. I understand that if any information proves to be incorrect or incomplete that grounds for the canceling of any and all offers of employment or serving on a volunteer basis will exist and may be used at the discretion of Wheaton Bible Church. In addition, I agree to abide by the expectations listed above and to be a positive role model for the children and/or students I work with.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

PARENTAL PERMISSION/AUTHENTICITY & AUTHORIZATION (All applicants 17 years and younger): I hereby certify that all information provided in this form and on this Application is true, correct and complete. I understand that if any information proves to be incorrect or incomplete that grounds for the canceling of any and all offers of employment or serving on a volunteer basis will exist and may be used at the discretion of Wheaton Bible Church.

I _____ (parent name) give permission for my child _____ (child's name) to be placed in a position of responsibility and I understand the commitment that he/she is making to serve in this Ministry.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Thank you for applying to serve at Wheaton Bible Church. We appreciate your heart to reach this next generation of children for Christ.

Please take a minute to review your Application. Did you...

_____ Complete all sections

_____ Include reference names, phone numbers and emails

_____ Sign and date this Application

Thanks! Please keep the first page, and turn in this Application to the Expedition Ministries or Base Camp Welcome Desks, Student Ministries Staff, or mail it to church (Attention Child Protection – address is on the bottom of this form).