

# Calvary Church Volunteer Application

Children, Students, Special Needs and Women's Ministries

today's date

The desire of Calvary Church is to provide the *safest* and most *secure* environment for those entrusted to our ministry. This application is to be **fully completed** by everyone serving in Children, Students, Special Needs or Women's Ministries. All information on this application will remain **confidential**.

## AREA OF SERVICE

Please circle the area in which you intend to serve. If more than one, rank by preference.

- Nursery     Preschool     Elementary     5/6 Grade     7/8 Grade     High School     Special Needs

What position are you interested in?

- Children's Ministry:**  Nursery Caregiver     Preschool Teacher     Preschool Helper     Elementary Small Group Leader  
 Elementary Small Group Helper     Other \_\_\_\_\_

- Student Ministries:**  Small Group Leader    **Women's Ministry:**  MOPPETS Caregiver     GPS Caregiver

- Special Needs Ministries:**  Children/Youth     Adults     Buddy  
 Transportation     Special Events

When would you like to serve?

- Sunday     Wednesday     Summer Only     Special Events     No Preference

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please provide your full legal name.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Drivers License No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status (Circle one.)    Single    Engaged    Married    Separated    Divorced    Widowed

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Calvary Church Membership Status     Regular Attendee Since \_\_\_\_\_     Member

In what areas are you currently involved at Calvary (serving or otherwise)? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Commitment to Christ

*The following will assist us in placing you in a position that best fits where you are in your spiritual journey. Please indicate which statement best describes your spiritual walk. We welcome all of the following.*

- I have committed my life to Jesus Christ. I believe that through Jesus Christ's death on the cross, I have received the free gift of salvation from my sins.
- I have just recently committed my life to Jesus Christ! I believe that through Jesus Christ's death on the cross, I have received the free gift of salvation from my sins.
- I am not quite sure what it means to be a follower of Jesus, or how to become one. But, I am curious and investigating what this is all about.
- None of the above. If none of the above statements capture where you are spiritually, please feel free to share your personal statements. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Describe your present spiritual life. \_\_\_\_\_  
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## HEALTH INFORMATION

Due to the nature of our ministry activities, it is necessary that we ask the following health questions. Affirmative answers will not automatically disqualify you from ministry.

Do you have any communicable diseases such as TB, Hepatitis B, AIDS, etc.?

- Yes       No       I would like to speak to someone in person.
- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a medical condition that may endanger others or cause them to be afraid?

- Yes       No       I would like to speak to someone in person.
- \_\_\_\_\_  
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## MINISTRY INFORMATION

Why do you want to serve with this specific ministry? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Have you ministered previously in the specific area to which you're applying?

Yes\*       No

\*If yes, describe your experience.

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List any gifts, training or other qualifications that have prepared you to work in this ministry.

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Are there any special issues or concerns happening in your life right now that would have an impact on your commitment to and involvement in the ministry (relationships, extreme work schedule, etc.)?

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## CHARACTER REFERENCES

List three references (not related) who you have known for at least one year and who have definite knowledge of your character. Out of the three, list one individual who attends Calvary Church (i.e. the person who led you to volunteer for this ministry, even if they haven't known you for a year).

### CALVARY REFERENCE

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Ministry Association \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### OTHER REFERENCE - 1

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Association \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### OTHER REFERENCE - 2

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Association \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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## AUTHORIZATION FOR CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK

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I hereby request and authorize the release of information which pertains to any convictions and driving records contained in law enforcement files or in any criminal file maintained on me whether local, state or national. I hereby release local, state and national enforcement agencies from any liability resulting from such disclosure.

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name or Aliases (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been a Michigan resident? \_\_\_\_\_ Where else have you lived? \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** A report concerning a crime related to assault, battery, abuse or sexual misconduct will automatically disqualify you from serving in our ministry areas. Any other reported misdemeanor or felony will be discussed with you and may be grounds for denial of application to serve.

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## MINISTRY COVENANT

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You will need to read and agree to our Ministry Covenant to serve within these ministry areas. The covenant is included on the following page.

- I have read the covenant and agree.
- I have questions about the covenant, please contact me.
- Please place me in a non-leadership role at this time.

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## APPLICANT STATEMENT

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The information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize any references listed in this application to give Calvary Church any information (including opinions) that they may have regarding my character and fitness for the ministry to which I have applied. In consideration of the receipt and evaluation of this application by Calvary Church, I hereby release any individual, church, youth organization, charity, employer, reference, or any person or organization, including record custodians, both collectively and individually, from any and all liability for damages of whatever kind or nature which may result at any time to me, my heirs, or family on account of compliance or any attempt to comply, with this authorization. I waive any right that I may have to inspect any information provided about me by any person or organization in this application.

I further state that I have read the foregoing release and know the contents thereof and sign this release as my own free act. This is a legally binding agreement, which I have read and do understand.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature (If Applicant is a Minor) \_\_\_\_\_

Calvary Church may use my picture in any collateral, print or online.  Yes  No

### OFFICE USE ONLY

Driver's Check

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Approved for Ministry

Tag \_\_\_\_\_

Group \_\_\_\_\_ Name Tag Printed

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# MINISTRY COVENANT - CHILDREN, STUDENTS & SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

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*Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in love, in faith and in purity. – 1 Timothy 4:12 NIV*

***If you are not able to fill a leadership role in light of the guidelines below, we still have great opportunities for you to serve as you continue to grow in your relationship with the Lord.***

By stepping into a leadership role in one of our Childrens, Students, Special Needs or Women's Ministry environments you are stepping into a position of responsibility and authority. Children, teens, and parents will watch you closely, take what you say seriously, and follow you as a role model. If what you say and teach is not consistent with your behaviors in your various roles throughout the week, your impact will be minimized.

There are three lifestyle issues that tend to surface frequently in our current culture that can have a lasting impact on children and youth. Below are the expectations that volunteer leaders/staff in Childrens, Students and Special Needs Ministry are expected to communicate and to model.

## **Sexual Behavior**

Calvary Church believes that the scriptures teach that sex was created by God as an expression of intimacy between a man and woman within the context of marriage. Therefore, we ask that you personally embrace lifestyles and behaviors consistent with this teaching. If you are involved in any of the following, we ask that you not volunteer in leadership at this time.

- If you are involved in a sexual relationship and are not married
- If you are pursuing a same sex relationship
- If you are single and living with a member of the opposite sex
- If you are married and are currently involved in a sexual relationship outside of your marriage

## **Substance Abuse**

If you have a history of substance abuse, this might be something God uses in a positive way to steer a future generation in a different direction. If this is part of your message, we would love to talk with you. However, if any of the following is true, we ask that you not volunteer/work in leadership at this time.

- If you have been arrested for or convicted of an alcohol or drug related offense in the past year
- If you are currently being treated for alcohol or drug abuse
- If you have used any illegal substance during the past year
- If you are consuming alcohol to the point of intoxication, or to the point of it being illegal for you to drive yourself home as a regular part of your weekend or weeknight routine

## **Social Media**

Students and even their parents may visit your Facebook page, blog, or follow you on Twitter, etc. While social media can be a great connection tool, it also serves as a window into your life beyond church. We ask that you leverage social media with students in mind and consider the following:

- Use modest photos and avoid photos with alcohol in them, especially those that show you drinking
- Avoid using inappropriate language, including in text form

*If reading through the above covenant brought to mind anything you would like us to be aware of, please use the back of this sheet to do so.*

