



Children's Ministry Leader Application

Thank you for your interest in our Kid's LIFE Children's Ministry. We believe that God has uniquely blessed everyone with gifts and talents to serve Him! Some of these gifts will be obvious, while others will be discovered as God's people step out of their comfort zone to respond to needs in the church's ministries. Since you love kids, we are confident that we can find a place of service for you that both matches your skills and your heart for ministry.

Steps to join the Kid's LIFE Ministry Team:

#1 Read, fill out and submit a Volunteer Application along with the leader commitment.

Attached you will find:

- The Volunteer Application
- Leader commitment Page
- Background Check Form

#2 Meet with Pastor Will or ministry Catalyst (if necessary).

After your background check is processed and your application has been reviewed, you will be notified by one of our Kid's LIFE leaders about your start date. If necessary, you may be asked to schedule a meeting with Pastor Will to further discuss your ministry opportunities in our children's ministry team.

If you have any questions or would like any additional information on opportunities to serve, contact Will Forrest (wforrest@summitLIFEseattle.com).



I would like to serve in:

☐ **Nursery (Babies – 2yrs)** *Sundays 10:00am*

☐ **Kid's LIFE**

- **Younger 3k-4k** *Sundays 10:00am*
- **Older 5k – 3rd grade** *Sundays 10:00am*

☐ **Summer Camps** *June – July*

☐ **Administrative** *Behind the Scenes*



Volunteer Application

Thank you so much for expressing interest in serving at Summit LIFE Church in our Kid's LIFE Children's Ministry. Every week we surround our kids with a creative and fun-learning environment so that they can get to know the awesome God that created them. To maintain our commitment to excellence, we set high standards in the areas of safety, security, and theology. This application is necessary for preserving the doctrines of our church, our safe environment, and complying with the federal Child Abuse Protection and Treatment Act as well as the state Child Care Act. We hope that this application will help you realize the value of your investment for our children.

Please fully and accurately complete this Volunteer Application.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Information contained within will remain confidential and will be disclosed only to those individuals needing to know in order to carry out their responsibilities for Summit LIFE Church, or as required by law.

Name: _____ Spouse's name: _____
Last First Middle

Children's names and ages: _____

Address: _____

Prior Address: _____

Home phone: () _____ Work phone: () _____ E-Mail: _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Have you served in children's ministries before? How long did you serve for?

6. What do you feel that you can bring to the Kid's LIFE Ministry?

7. Have you committed to trust and follow Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior?

____yes ____no

8. Please describe your personal spiritual journey to date:

9. Our desire is that each of us be growing in Christ. Please describe your daily walk with God:

10. Do you believe that the Bible is totally true and trustworthy and that it should be the standard by which all of humanity should govern their lives?

____yes ____no

PERSONAL INFORMATION

The following information is very personal. Please know that it will remain confidential and will be considered in light of your salvation in Jesus Christ.

1. Have you ever been convicted or pleaded guilty to a crime?

____yes ____no If yes, explain: _____

2. Have you ever been convicted, accused of, or have you ever committed any act of physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, molestation, or exploitation of a minor?

____yes ____no If yes, explain: _____

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3. If there has been alcohol abuse, drug abuse, physical or sexual abuse in your family background, please describe the steps you have taken to overcome the impact that these issues will create for you, both now and in the future.

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4. Is there currently any physical abuse, neglect, or unhealthy habits in your life or home?

____yes

____no

If yes, explain: _____

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5. Have you or anyone else ever been concerned that you may have an addiction to drugs, alcohol, pornography or any other addiction?

____yes

____no

If yes, explain: _____

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6. Are there any circumstances or patterns in your life which would make it inappropriate for you to minister to minors or which would compromise the integrity of Summit LIFE Church?

____yes

____no

If yes, explain: _____

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7. Do you need help addressing any personal issues?

____yes

____no

If yes, explain: _____

REFERENCES

Please list three people who have known you for at least one year who would be able to attest to your character and to your ability to work with children.

1. Name: _____ Length of time known: _____

Nature of association: _____ Occupation: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: () _____ Work phone: () _____

2. Name: _____ Length of time known: _____

Nature of association: _____ Occupation: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: () _____ Work phone: () _____

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AUTHENTICITY AND AUTHORIZATION

By signing this document, I agree with and will abide by the mission statement and goals of the Kid's LIFE Ministry and that the information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize any references listed in this application to give you any information (including opinions) that they have regarding my character and ability to work with children. I authorize the release of the information contained in this application to be used by the staff of Summit LIFE Church for any ministry in which I seek a position. I waive any right that I may have to inspect any information provided about me by any person or organization identified by me in this application.

I have carefully read and understand the criminal records release (on following page) and sign this release as my own free act.

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent signature (if applicant is a minor): _____ Date: _____

REQUEST FOR CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK AND AUTHORIZATION

**Important: This section must be completed by every applicant, regardless of criminal record.
All information requested is required.**

I hereby request and authorize the release of any information which pertains to any record of convictions 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 law enforcement agencies from any and all liability resulting from such disclosure. I further acknowledge that if a criminal background check is conducted as may be required under the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, I may be denied access to children while the application is pending. I further understand that in accordance with this law, if I am denied a position because of a conviction which appears as a result of such search, I may challenge such information.

Signature: _____ Today's date: _____

Print full name: _____

Print maiden name (if applicable) _____

Print all aliases: _____

Address: _____

Date of birth: _____ Place of birth: _____

Gender (circle one): M F

Social security number: _____

This background check will be good for 3 years of service to Summit LIFE Church.

Office Use Only:

Date: ____/____/____

Approval to Serve _____
____ Entry



Leader Commitment

A LEADER AT SUMMIT LIFE CHURCH SHOULD BE...

1. **A CHRISTIAN**
Our ultimate goal is to glorify God, leading others to Him, and helping others grow in Him. Therefore, our leaders should have a personal relationship with Christ themselves! (John 3:16)
2. **ACTIVE**
Leaders must be active in church attendance and involvement; not only in the area of service but also the regular worship services and other church events. (Heb. 10:25)
3. **UNITY**
Our leaders are expected to be aligned with our church theological, practically, and relationally. If there is an issue that arises between the leader and staff or a leader and an individual in the church the leader is expected to address that issue privately with the parties involved. Protecting the unity of the church. (Col. 4:6; 1 Peter 4:11; Eph. 5:4; Matt. 12:36)
4. **AN EXAMPLE**
Our leaders are expected to be examples and a positive influence on those they serve and lead. They should refrain from activities in their daily lives that do not glorify or honor God. In "gray areas" leaders should be sensitive to the convictions of others in both their actions and conversation. In their personal lives, leaders should be committed to Bible study, prayer, and Christ-like living. (Titus 2:6-7; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; Heb. 13:17)
5. **FAITHFUL**
When leaders give their word, they keep it. If a leader has committed to do something, or be somewhere, they follow through on it and are on time. If they are unable to fulfill their commitments, they communicate that as soon as possible so that those affected can take necessary action. (1 Cor. 4:2; Prov. 28:20)
6. **PURE**
Leaders are expected to pursue a life that is "above reproach". This includes being willing to be subjected to a background check pending ministry policies. (1 Timothy 2:9; 5:1, 22; Eph. 5:3)
7. **PARTNERS WITH FAMILY**
Leaders are expected to be supporters and advocates of the family. Their leadership in a child or adults life does not end on Sunday morning, but they are expected to show genuine interest and care for the families they lead.
8. **TEACHABLE**
True leaders realize they will never finish learning and that they don't have all the answers. We must be willing to take advice, listen to constructive criticism, and prayerfully consider the input of others. We might not always agree, but if we fail to listen we hurt only ourselves and rob ourselves of another chance to grow. (Prov. 12:15; 13:10; 19:20)

As a leader in Summit LIFE Church, I agree to commit myself to the standards of leadership listed above.

Printed name of volunteer

Signature of volunteer

____/____/____
Date

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