

POTENTIAL YOUTH SPONSOR PACKET

FOR

THE STUDENT MINISTRIES

OF

FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS
CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Dear Potential Youth Sponsor,

I am so excited that you are interested in a possible leadership role in our student ministry! We have a HUGE need for adult leaders who want to make an impact for Christ in a student's life. We believe healthy student ministry is built on healthy relationships between adult leaders and students. Relationships are the key to students feeling loved and understanding God's love in practical ways.

The quality of our leadership team is very important. We are looking for men and women who have a deep commitment to Christ and a desire to care for students. Included with this packet is an application for our ministry. Please fill it out with much prayer and consideration.

Once I have received your application material I will call to set up a meeting with you. All information will be strictly confidential and shared only with appropriate staff members. I look forward to meeting with you. If you need to reach me, please feel free to call me at (618) 397-1659 or e-mail me at jacob@fairviewheightschurch.org.

Jacob Henry
Youth Minister
John 3:30

**THANKS FOR YOUR
INTEREST!**

WHAT STUDENTS NEED

Today's students do not connect to programs; they connect with people. The most effective way to impact students is through significant relationships with caring adults. One of the common roadblocks for adults getting started in student ministry is a misconception about what it takes to be a youth worker.

COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS ARE:

- >>You must be young
- >>You must have outstanding Bible training
- >>You must be a perfect example of a Christian
- >>You must be a captivating communicator
- >>You must feel secure
- >>You must be able to act like one of the students
- >>You must have plenty of free time
- >>You must play guitar
- >>You must play guitar hero
- >>You must know the 8 most popular videos on MTV
- >>You must be wild, crazy, and dynamic
- >>You must be liked by all students
- >>You must own a 15-passenger van

Student ministry is not the easiest ministry in the church and it's normal and okay for you to feel inadequate about your skills. Your confidence will grow the more you're around students and see how God can use inadequate people (like us) to do great things.

Here's the truth about what students need...

STUDENTS NEED ADULTS WHO WILL:

- >>Love God and live for Him
- >>Be interested in a student's life
- >>Take initiative to get to know students
- >>Pray for students
- >>Be real
- >>Say encouraging things
- >>Believe in students
- >>Laugh and have a good time
- >>Remember names
- >>Share God's love through personal experience
- >>**Be consistent with attendance**
- >>Be patient
- >>Listen
- >>Be flexible and creative
- >>Be willing to admit faults
- >>Speak the truth

TAKING THE NEXT STEP...

Are you ready to take the next step toward becoming a student ministry volunteer?

1. Prayerfully Consider Your Commitment

We want you to take time to pray and think through this commitment as well as seek counsel of family and/or friends about serving in Student Ministries.

2. Complete the Student Ministry Application

The application should be included with this packet. If not, please contact Jacob Henry at jacob@fairviewheightschurch.org and we will send one to you. Please take your time and fill out all of the enclosed forms.

Application

Background Investigation Consent

3. Observe Programs (optional)

While you are still in the process of completing the application packet, you may want to observe one of our services. This can be a great opportunity for you to get a feel for the ministry without having expectations or responsibilities.

4. Schedule an Interview

Every one of our leaders must be interviewed. During this time, you'll have the chance to get to know more about us, and we'll learn more about you. You'll have the opportunity to describe your spiritual journey, and discuss in more detail your gifts and desires for working in student ministries.

Questions?

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact us!

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YOUTH SPONSOR APPLICATION

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form. We want you to know that the following information will be kept confidential and will only be shared with appropriate elders and staff members. We are looking forward to knowing you!

Contact Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____

Name You Prefer: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: M _____ F _____

Address, City, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

General Information

Work Status: Full time _____ Part time _____ Student _____

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Marital Status: Single _____ Married _____ Divorced _____ Widowed _____

Spouse Name: _____ Anniversary: _____

Children (Ages): _____

Church Information

Do you call Fairview Heights Church of Christ your church home? _____

Are you a member? _____

If not, what church do you call home? _____

How long have you been attending Fairview Heights Church of Christ? _____

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YOUTH SPONSOR APPLICATION

What do you feel are your spiritual gifts?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

In what areas have you been able to use these gifts in the past?

In what ways would you like to use these gifts in the Student Ministry?

What are 3 things you love to do?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

My strongest abilities are:

[Examples: drama, writing, speaking, fine arts, photography, video, counseling, computers, music, tutoring, athletics, etc.]

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

This is how I see myself:

[Circle the one that applies to you for each comment]

Around others, I am more...

RESERVED

OUTGOING

My decisions are based more on...

FACTS/THINKING

FEELINGS

In my relationships, I tend to be more...

DEPENDENT ON OTHERS

INDEPENDENT

My use of time is more...

DETERMINED

SPONTANEOUS

What was one significant experience you had in your teenage years?

When I have free time I spend it...

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BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION CONSENT

I, _____, hereby authorize the Fairview Heights Church of Christ and/or its agents to make an independent investigation of my background, references, character, past employment, education, criminal, or police records, including those maintained by both public and private organizations and all public records for the purpose of confirming the information contained on my Application and/or obtaining other information, which may be material to my qualifications as a volunteer or for employment now, and if applicable, during the tenure of my volunteering or employment with the Fairview Heights Church of Christ.

I release the Fairview Heights Church of Christ and/or its agents and any person or entity, which provides information pursuant to this authorization, from any and all liabilities, claims, or lawsuits in regards to the information obtained from any and all of the above referenced sources used.

Full Name: _____

Maiden name or other names used: _____

Present street address: _____ How long? _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Former street address: _____ How long? _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of birth: _____ Social security number: _____

Driver's license: _____ State of license: _____

Signed _____ Date _____