



Dear Potential College Age Youth Sponsor,

Thanks so much for expressing interest in becoming a volunteer leader with the FCCF Student Ministry. We are always looking for great, enthusiastic leaders with fresh ideas and lots of energy to devote to this ministry, and are certainly interested in learning more about you!

As you can imagine, we see the calling to work with students to be a very high honor and privilege as well as a large responsibility. The decisions they make at this point in their lives will help direct and guide all future lifestyle choices and decisions. We aim to expose them to a body of loving believers and most importantly a loving God at a critical point in their lives to help them build the foundation they will live on for the rest of their lives. How exciting that you are interested in joining our team!

College students are in a unique situation, as their involvement with students can often serve as bridge between our students and our adult sponsors. Our belief is that college students can play a vital role in the lives of students when they apply their time and influence in the lives of students in a positive way.

Our desire is that college students not only help play a part in the church's ministry, but also that the church helps the college student get practical ministry experience. While there are certain exceptions to this rule, we prefer college students serve according to this pattern:

Freshman-Senior- Middle School Ministry (6-8th grade)
Junior or Senior- High School Ministry (9-12th grade)

Enclosed is our Leadership Application Packet for you to read through, fill out, and return to us at your earliest convenience. After receiving your completed packet, you will be contacted by one of our staff to schedule a brief meeting so we can get to know each other better. We desire to help you find the area of service that best meets the gifts and desires God has uniquely designed you with. Please give the reference forms to two non-family members.

Commitment and dedication are the two most important qualities we are looking for in our leaders, so please keep this in mind as you read through the enclosed packet. There are occasional leader meetings, as well as an annual sponsors retreat weekend (currently early fall) that you would be expected to attend. God bless you for your interest!

Thanks again for your interest in helping with the exciting Student Ministry!

Yours and His,

Chris Vandelinde
Youth Minister

Titus Benton
Associate Youth Minister



College Volunteer Application

First Christian Church of Florissant

2890 Patterson Rd.

Florissant, MO 63031

Thanks for your interest in the Student Ministry! The information you are about to share is confidential and will be shared only with the ministry staff deemed necessary.

I am interested in serving in the (circle): Middle School - High School

Days/times you are most available:

General Information

Name _____ Date _____

College Address _____

DOB _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Work: Part Time ____ Full Time ____ No ____ Employer: _____

Marital Status (all that apply): Single ____ Married ____ Divorced ____

Education

High School _____ Year Graduated _____

College _____ Hometown: _____

Post High School Education Completed: _____

Degree Program:

Plans to graduate/transfer:

Personal

Why do you have interest in working with students?

Please write a brief testimony about how and when you became a Christian...

How would you describe your spiritual walk now?

What accountability to your spiritual walk do you have?

What people or experiences have been most significant in your growth as a Christian?

What do you do when you have conflict with someone? How do you handle confrontation?

Are there any special issues or concerns happening in your life right now that would have an impact in your commitment and involvement in the student ministry? (ie., relationships, other commitments, etc...)

Legal/Lifestyle Concerns

In caring for students, we believe it is our responsibility to seek an adult who is able to provide healthy, safe and loving relationships. Any special concerns can be discussed individually with the ministry staff.

Are you using illegal drugs? Yes No

Have you ever gone through treatment for alcohol or drug use? Yes No
If yes, please describe:

Do you have any habits that would impact your commitment or involvement in student ministry?

What are your views on drinking alcohol or using drugs?

Have you ever been arrested and/or convicted of a crime? Yes No
If yes, please describe:

Have you had any sexual relations with any minor after you became an adult?
 Yes No

Have you ever been accused or convicted of any form of child abuse?
 Yes No If yes, please describe:

Are you willing to be fingerprinted for State Criminal Conviction Clearing?
 Yes No

Ministry

How long have you attended First Christian Church of Florissant?

Are you a member of First Christian Church of Florissant? ___Yes ___No

If no, would you discuss becoming a student member of FCCF? ___Yes ___No

What other ministries have you been involved in, currently or past?

Have you ever been in a youth ministry before, as either a student or adult leader? Describe your impressions of the experience...

What spiritual gifts do you feel you have, and how would you like to use them in this student ministry?

Do you have any special skills that could be helpful to the student ministry? (ie., drama, music, sports, etc.)

Why do you want to work specifically in the student ministry?

What are some of your expectations of the student ministry and staff?

What do you believe to be the plan of salvation?

Authorization of Criminal Background Check

Every volunteer in our Student Ministry is subject to a criminal background check. Any information concerning criminal background should be shared with the student ministry staff.

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Maiden Name

Social Security Number

Birthdate (XX/XX/XXXX)

Current Address

City

State

Zip

The information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I, undersigned, give my authorization to First Christian Church of Florissant or its representatives to release any and all records or information relating to working with minors. The church may contact my references and appropriate government agencies as deemed necessary in order to verify my suitability as a youth worker. I understand that the personal information will be held confidential by the professional church staff and their representatives.

Signature

Date



**First Christian Church of Florissant
Student Ministry Reference**

***Give this form to a trusted personal reference.**

_____ is applying to become a volunteer youth worker with the First Christian Church of Florissant Student Ministry in the area of: **Middle School - High School** and has given your name as a reference.

This leadership position is in close contact with students and we want to ensure that these relationships are healthy ones. Please complete the form below and use the enclosed envelopes to send us your evaluation of this person's character and integrity. Your response will remain confidential.

1. Describe your relationship with this person:

2. How long have you known this person?

Please use the following scale to respond to each area.

Area	Low	Below Avg.	Average	Very good	Excellent
Involvement in peer relationships					
Emotional Maturity					
Resolving Conflict					
Following through with commitments					
Ability to relate to students					
Spiritual Maturity					
Ability to be a team player					
Willingness to learn new things					

3. What are this applicant's greatest strengths?

4. Do you have any concerns regarding this person working with students?

Thank you for your time in filling out this reference. Please return to the Student Ministry office at 2890 Patterson Rd., Florissant, MO, 63031 or call one of our student ministers at 314-837-2269 with any questions.

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