



## Ministry Application

### who needs a children's ministry application?

**ALL** volunteers must have a complete ministry application on file with the Director of Children's Ministries.

### the purpose of this application is to:

1. safeguard the children of Grace from abuse
2. protect the church staff and volunteer workers from allegations of abuse
3. limit the extent of our church's legal risk and liability due to abuse

### how will it be determined if an applicant is approved to work with minors?

1. we are committed to placing individuals who have no record of previous conviction of child abuse
2. We are committed to placing individuals who receive positive personal and professional references
3. We are committed to placing individuals who have signed the Goals and Agreements for Mutual Ministry
4. We are committed to placing individuals who meet the qualifications for which they are applying

Should any information be received that is questionable, the individual will be asked to meet with a Grace Brethren Church Pastor or Children's Director to clarify questionable issues prior to being placed in a position that relates to minors.

Information gathered in the Ministry Application and any subsequent information on the applicant will be available only to designated staff members. Once the approval process has been completed, these documents will be maintained in a secure file location.

The purpose of the ministry application is threefold. We want to protect the children, protect the teaching staff and protect the church. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact the Children's Director.

**Please Return to  
Church Mailbox #7**

# General Info

name \_\_\_\_\_

address \_\_\_\_\_

if you have lived at current address fewer than 5 years, please include previous address

home phone # \_\_\_\_\_ cell # \_\_\_\_\_

email address \_\_\_\_\_

what is your preferred method of communication? Check all that apply.

email	home #	cell #	do you text?	yes
<input type="checkbox"/>				
no				

date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

SSN: this is necessary for completing background checks. Not needed if under 18

spouse's name (parent(s) if youth volunteer) \_\_\_\_\_

where are you currently involved at Grace? \_\_\_\_\_

Which areas most interest you? Check all that apply

serving in a classroom

storytelling once a month

greeting families

large group leader (PowerKids PowerUp)

wednesday night nursery

wed night small group (grace girls/1-on-1/

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please give a concise statement about your relationship with Christ \_\_\_\_\_

list any gifts or training you have had to prepare you for children's ministry at Grace \_\_\_\_\_

are you willing to adhere to the Goals and Agreements for Mutual Ministry to the best of your ability? \_\_\_\_\_

if you have been here for fewer than 5 years, please list any former church you attended and any past involvement in children's ministries

church \_\_\_\_\_

address \_\_\_\_\_

pastor \_\_\_\_\_

phone # \_\_\_\_\_

past CM experience \_\_\_\_\_

do you have any physical or emotional limitations that would limit your ability to serve in certain areas of children's ministry? Please explain \_\_\_\_\_

have you ever been accused, charged, or alleged to have neglected, abused, or molested a minor?

yes                  no

if you answered yes to the above, are you willing to discuss this with a pastor?

yes                  no

**student volunteer policy:** we welcome students who wish to serve as nursery or classroom helpers. We ask that student volunteers be at least 12 years old, or 16 for the infant nursery.



# References

## personal references

pastor \_\_\_\_\_ phone # \_\_\_\_\_

address \_\_\_\_\_

friend \_\_\_\_\_ phone # \_\_\_\_\_

address \_\_\_\_\_

relative \_\_\_\_\_ phone # \_\_\_\_\_

address \_\_\_\_\_

employer \_\_\_\_\_ phone # \_\_\_\_\_

address \_\_\_\_\_

if deemed necessary, I give permission to Grace Brethren Church to verify the information on this form. The church may contact my references and appropriate agencies

applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

if applicant is under 18 years of age, a parent or legal guardian signature is required.

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## ***Goals and Agreement for Mutual Ministry***

All serving are asked to agree to these standards for ministry so that unity and common purpose are apparent and enjoyable.

### ***Personal Growth and Testimony***

- A. A regular plan for personal Bible reading and praying, and practice of it during the time of ministry. A desire to share Christ.
- B. Good harmony and growth in your family. Acceptance of the biblical order of honor and authority and love.
- C. Good harmony with other Christians. Willingness to use Matthew 18:15 and Matthew 5:23, 24 and the instructions about going to someone who offends you. Thus an agreement to keep a clear conscience with others.
- D. "Blameless," as Paul puts it to Timothy. Having a good testimony to those that are without. No one is perfect, but a commitment to Jesus Christ that is open and professed, and a desire to obey Him.
- E. Not involved in questionable areas of liberty which are detrimental to moral character, or that hurt the body or mind and become actual stumbling blocks to other maturing Christians.

### ***Church Involvement***

- A. Faithfulness to the church both in regular giving to the work and mission of the church and at Sunday morning services for growth and encouragement, unless hindered by schedules of work or prior and more important obligations.
- B. Willingness to work in harmony with the chain of honor and leadership in the church, with pastoral staff and others who support you and direct your work.
- C. Willingness to agree with the policies set up to avoid confusion and disunity in the church about differences related to the work of the Holy Spirit, ordinances, position on the future, and church bylaws and disciplinary policies. We urge these with love for all people, the ability to accept differences, and a concern to maintain unity and to major on the majors.

### ***Specific Duties of Your Ministry***

- A. Agreement to the job description as presented, including regular duties, training times, personal ways of growing and training.
- B. Evidence of genuine care for the people you will minister – the students or fellow board members. Willingness to establish and maintain contact and unity.

I agree and want these goals for my life and ministry. \_\_\_\_\_