

Faith Covenant Church of Manistee, Michigan
CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATION FOR VOLUNTEER
Children's Ministries of Faith Covenant Church

All persons seeking to serve with Faith Covenant Church in ministries involving the supervision or custody of minors will be required to complete this form. It is being used to help Faith Covenant Church provide a safe and secure environment for children/youth who participate in our programs and use our facilities.

(Please print legibly and complete all of this form.)

Legal Last Name: _____ Legal First Name: _____ M.I. ____ Suffix: _____

List any other last names you have used (maiden, etc.) _____

Date of Birth: _____ Sex: Male Female

Current Home Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip: _____

Last Previous Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip: _____

Previous Home Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Children's Names: _____ Ages: _____ Children's Names: _____ Ages: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: _____ **Phone:** _____

When did you begin attending Faith Covenant Church? _____

List other churches you have regularly attended during the past five (5) years:

Church Name: _____ City, State: _____ Dates Attended: _____

What training and experience do you have in the care and nurture of children/youth?

REFERENCES - Please list the names of three (3) unrelated and non-church staff that have knowledge of your character qualifications to work with minors (these people may or may not be contacted):

Name:	Phone #:	Email Address:	Relationship:
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Whereas I have applied for a sensitive position of trust as a volunteer involving the safety and well-being of children in my care, I am required by Faith Covenant Church to disclose whether or not I have any convictions or have been charged under any Federal or Provincial enactment.

Have you ever been charged, convicted of, or plead "guilty" or "no contest" to a crime? ____ Yes ____ No

And whereas I understand that, if they should decide any conviction or charge disclosed might preclude me from the function I have volunteered for, I will be given and opportunity to see and discuss that criminal record.

I, therefore, authorize the Faith Covenant Church Child Protection Policy Administrator, on my behalf, to:

- 1. Inquire into and determine whether or not I have a criminal record, and*
- 2. Make a full and complete disclosure to church leadership and me of any criminal record they may find.*

To this end, I herewith affix my signature: _____ Date: _____

CODE OF ETHICS FOR VOLUNTEERS IN CHILD AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

Believing that God is calling me to serve children/youth in this congregation...

1. My first priority in teaching, supervising, or leading children/youth will be to seek the welfare of the child/youth physically, socially, educationally, & spiritually. I will also try to understand and respect the child's/youth's cultural background.
2. I will give the parent(s) full information about the program I am teaching, supervising, or leading and the times it will begin and end.
3. If I wish to talk to the child/youth alone, it will be within the sight and sound of other people. I will answer a child's/youth's questions openly and honestly.
4. I will not do anything that will damage a child's/youth's trust. I will try to protect the child/youth from all forms of abuse while he/she is in my care. If a child is distressed, I will try to offer comfort and help. I will encourage them to find the appropriate help for their needs.
5. I have never:
 - Participated in any sexual molestation of a minor,
 - Been criminally convicted of any act involving sexual molestation of a minor,
 - Had a verdict rendered against me in a civil court in relation to any sexual molestation of a minor.
6. I will work with the child/youth to set some agreed upon guidelines for acceptable behavior within the group. I will expect the child/youth to act on the basis of those guidelines and if a child/youth consistently breaks them, I will seek help from parents and others to assist me in responding to the child/youth.
7. I will pray for each child/youth regularly and let them know that I care about them.

The information I have provided is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that my name will be submitted to the Faith Covenant Church leadership for the purpose of affirming my character and fitness for children's ministry. I agree to serve spiritually, with integrity, and will participate in training to enhance my ministry to children. I agree to present God's Word in ways consistent with the teaching of Faith Covenant Church.

Signature of Volunteer: _____ Date: _____