



DIRECT MINISTRY VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Along with this application I have included the following:

- Copy of Driver's License or State Identification Card (**required for all applicants**)
- Copy of Commercial Driver's License (CDL), if applicable
- Copy of Insurance Declaration Page (ONLY applicable if you intend to drive students)
- Signed Praesidium (last page of application)
- Proof that my online Sexual Abuse Prevention Training is complete by signing the statement below (or a copy of the certificate):

I, _____, attest that I completed my online SAPT on _____.
(Date)

**Staff Member's Name with whom you
may work: _____**

Please be sure to complete and sign all portions of the application.

Please return the completed application to:

**Administrative Department
Greater Cleveland Youth for Christ
709 Brookpark Rd.
Lower Level, Unit 1
Cleveland, Ohio 44109-5839
yfc@yfccleveland.org
Fax: 216-252-9882**



All of us at Youth for Christ/USA, Inc. and Greater Cleveland YFC appreciate your interest in volunteering with us. In order to get to know you better, a clear understanding of your background, work, volunteer history, and spiritual journey will help us potentially place you in a volunteer position that meets your objectives and those of our ministry. Qualified applicants are considered for positions without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, age, veteran status, or the presence of a non job-related medical condition or disability.

Date of Application: _____

Personal Information (please print or type)

Name: _____

Present Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Best Way to Contact: _____

Previous Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please list all states where you have lived in the last 10 years. _____

Are you at least 18 years of age? Yes _____ No _____

Area of Interest

YFC location to which you are applying: _____

YFC Staff member with whom you may be working: _____

Please specify days and hours available: _____

Date you are able to start: _____

Have you previously been employed by or volunteered for YFC? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, when and where? _____

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Have you had any experience in any other Christian ministry? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, when and where? _____

List names of any relatives or persons you know who are, or have been employed by YFC:

Current Position – Employment

Company: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Supervisor Name: _____ Position: _____

May we contact this employer for a reference? Yes _____ No _____

Current Position – Volunteer (if applicable)

Company: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Supervisor Name: _____ Position: _____

May we contact this employer for a reference? Yes _____ No _____

Educational Background

High School Attended _____ Graduated? Yes _____ No _____

College Attended _____

Dates Attended _____ Degree or Certificate received _____

Other Education _____

Dates Attended _____ Degree or Certificate received _____

Foreign Languages Spoken _____ Written _____

Please list scholastic honors, specialized training, apprenticeship and extra-curricular activities that may be helpful in considering your application: _____

References

Please list three people who: have known you for 3+ years, are not employed by Youth for Christ and are not related to you. They should be qualified to evaluate your capabilities and character. One must be your Pastor.

1.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone No. _____

Relationship _____

2.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone No. _____

Relationship _____

3.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone No. _____

Relationship _____

Faith Background

Do you attend church regularly? Yes _____ No _____

What church do you attend? _____

Church Address: _____

Are you a member? Yes _____ No _____

List responsibilities or positions you have at church: _____

Describe when and how you became a Christian? (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Describe your Christian walk as it relates to your interest in YFC:

Ministry Interest (Please circle one)

High School Students Middle School Students In-school Program
After-school Program Bible Study Tutor/Mentor Suspension Program

Criminal Record

A. Have you ever been charged with, pled guilty or no contest to, or been convicted of any criminal violation of any type of sexual misconduct or abuse concerning a minor? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, please explain: _____

B. Have you ever been convicted of, pled guilty or no contest to a felony or other criminal offense (other than a parking violation) in a Court of Law?

Yes ____ No ____ If yes, please provide dates, location(s) and violation(s): _____

C. Have you ever been disciplined, suspended or terminated by any organization due to allegations of any type of sexual misconduct or abuse? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, please explain _____

YFC Statement of Faith

All of our staff and volunteers must affirm our **Statement of Faith** as follows:

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the infallible authoritative Word of God.
2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and His personal return in power and glory.
4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful people regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in Christ.

Signature

Date

Greater Cleveland Youth for Christ Sexual Abuse Prevention Policy

To be signed by each ministry staff or volunteer working with campus ministries prior to starting.

1. Sexual abuse is defined as any sexual exploitation, in word or deed, of minors under the age of 18, by someone four years older or by an adult, no matter whether or not the minor appears to “consent.”
2. Because of the nature of our society, especially in the teenage world, any sexually explicit behavior, in word or deed (verbal or nonverbal sexual implication), even if it is intended to be humorous, is inappropriate behavior and cause for dismissal. Any verbal or nonverbal sexual interaction with students is inappropriate behavior and cause for dismissal.
3. If inappropriate behavior between paid staff or volunteer and a minor is witnessed, it is to be reported to the Executive Director immediately, who will then notify the Chairman of the Board of Directors.
4. Because of the nature of this ministry, paid staff or volunteers may become aware of situations concerning a young person who has been abused physically, sexually, emotionally or neglected. This information is to be reported to the appropriate staff supervisor. If that person is unavailable, it should be reported to the Executive Director immediately.
5. To avoid questionable situations, misunderstandings and potential problems, all one-on-one appointments with young people should be male with male or female with female (or two adults, one being of the same gender as the minor). Remember, even with the same gender, there can be issues with possible sexual abuse and/or romantic involvement.
6. No one who has had a sexual offense record shall be employed or accepted as a volunteer in Youth for Christ. It is inappropriate to withhold such information.
7. It shall be considered inappropriate for male staff to transport female students alone or for female staff to transport male students alone. Groups would be permissible as long as students are picked up and dropped off as a group in one place.
8. It is not acceptable for paid staff or volunteer to date students. Should a staff/student relationship occur, it is cause for immediate dismissal.
9. Therefore, in light of all of the above, before engaging in a private conversation with a minor, a Youth for Christ paid staff or volunteer should consider all the following considerations:
 - **Location** – Private conversations can be conducted in very public and populated locations. All conversations should be conducted in a public place, easily accessible by others.
 - **Necessity** – There is no conversation that cannot be handled in a public viewing place (a room with clear see-through glass windows or doors attached is a public area where other people are present).
 - **Relationship** – Be sure you have a good, healthy relationship with the minor. Have a loyalty built before you get into heavy counseling. Keep it very public. Private conversations should be avoided if any romantic interests start to develop.
 - **Frequency** – Frequent, private conversations can create difficulties in the minor’s healthy development as well as increase problems with issues involving child abuse. Remember, suspicion comes quickly when we are meeting with someone often.
 - **Ability** – If minor’s spiritual or emotional needs are significant, consider referring them to a pastor or professional counselor. Do not overestimate your own counseling abilities. That is why we have counseling referrals.
 - **Reliability** – How trustworthy are they? Consider the emotional stability and maturity of the minor and your experience in the particular issue you are dealing with. If you feel your experience is lacking, you may not be the one best qualified to counsel him/her. In addition, an emotionally unstable or immature minor may create the highest risk of false accusations.
 - **Appearance** – Maintain an appropriate appearance around minors at all times. Do not wear provocative or revealing or inappropriate clothing. Also, your gestures and body language speak volumes.

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- **Substance of conversation** – Remember, words and conduct that you may consider appropriate and innocent at the time can subsequently be made to appear very inappropriate or sinister. The substance of your conversation should remain appropriate at all times. For example, a male adult should not be discussing sexual matters with a female minor.
- **Touching** – Although hugging a minor in a public location when several others are present may be appropriate (rarely), physical contact, such as hugging, embracing or holding the minor in a private, isolated location creates a very high risk of being misconstrued and must be avoided.

10. Safeguards – As precaution:

- a. Have someone else present during a conversation with a minor.
- b. Keep notes of the conversation, and/or
- c. Let some other adult know that the conversations are occurring, as well as the reasons for the conversations.

11. Conduct oneself using sensitivity and discretion in the use of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, dancing, TV programs, movies, printed matter, games and the choice of organizations with which one is associated and make every effort to let whatever one says or does be representative of the Lord Jesus Christ in private life as well as in ministry through Youth for Christ.

12. The Executive Director and ultimately the Greater Cleveland Youth for Christ Board of Directors is responsible to handle all accusations brought against the staff (paid or volunteer). Any questionable situations regarding improper conduct is cause for immediate discipline up to and including dismissal. Decisions of this type are at the discretion of the Executive Director with input from the Board Chairperson or Personnel Committee.

I have read, understand and agree to abide by
the Greater Cleveland Youth for Christ Sexual Abuse Prevention Policy.

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Sign Name: _____ Date: _____

You will also be required to view the Armatus Online Sexual Abuse Prevention Training.

It is critical to the ministry of Youth for Christ that every paid staff person and volunteer lives above reproach and represent the Lord and Youth for Christ with the highest level of Christian professionalism and affirm the following Code of Ethics.

Code of Ethics

1. I declare that I have trusted Jesus Christ as the Lord and Savior of my life and desire for His grace to shine through me (John 1:12).
2. I will make a hearty attempt to live out the Christian faith according to the Word of God, maintaining a vertical relationship with Him through a personal quiet time and a horizontal relationship with others according to I Peter 3:8-9.
3. I will be committed to be a team player striving for unity. I will respect the authority and leadership over me and serve as a servant-leader to those under me.
4. I am committed to being a member and active participant in an evangelical Bible-ministering church (Hebrews 10:25).
5. I declare that I will wholeheartedly and loyally support the ministry of Youth for Christ as a servant with my time, energy and/or personal resources.
6. I will hold with the highest regard my personal, family and marriage responsibilities.
7. I will actively pursue purity from things of this world.
8. I will make every effort to live within my means, avoid extensive debt and practice financial integrity.
9. I will treat every person, including teens with the respect due them, as a creation of God. This will mean no harassment, intimidation or provocation. Correction and discipline shall be done as not to unduly embarrass the individual.
10. I will abstain from sexual immorality (I Corinthians 6:13-18).
11. I will not allow myself to be a rumor-mill. I will address the issue with the other staff person and then go to their supervisor who has the appropriate authority.

Print Name

Signature

Date

Acknowledgement, Waiver and Consent

I certify that the statements I have made are true and correct.

I understand that by filling out this application I waive any rights to confidentiality concerning the content of this application.

I authorize YFC to investigate any information provided in this application, and I agree to cooperate in such investigations. I further recognize and agree that, as a condition of acceptance as a volunteer, I consent to criminal and motor vehicle background checks from federal, state, and local agencies. I understand that this may include a BCI/FBI check for which I may be partially financially responsible.

I hereby release YFC and all persons supplying information to YFC from all liability, claims for damages, or responsibility whatsoever with respect to information supplied.

I authorize YFC to contact personal references I have identified, and to conduct a reasonable investigation into my suitability for youth work. I further authorize my current employer and references to speak freely to YFC representatives and provide whatever information is required.

I subscribe wholeheartedly to the ministry and work of Youth for Christ, will uphold the belief as described in their Statement of Faith and will do nothing to jeopardize the ministry or myself while volunteering with Youth for Christ.

Signature _____

Date _____

Liability Release

As a volunteer for Youth for Christ/USA, I acknowledge that I am not an employee, independent contractor, subcontractor or agent of Youth for Christ/USA; I further understand that Youth for Christ/USA will not provide me with any wages or other compensation, nor any medical insurance, worker's compensation benefits or any other benefits of an employee.

In consideration of my being allowed the privilege of participating as a volunteer for Youth for Christ/USA, I hereby release Youth for Christ/USA and its employees, officers, directors, chapters, ministry sites and all other affiliated persons from and against any and all liability, claims and damages that I may have now or in the future arising in any way from my participation as a volunteer with Youth for Christ/USA. I also agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Youth for Christ/USA from and against any and all claims, demands actions and judgments from other persons claiming by or through me due to my participation as a volunteer for Youth for Christ/USA. I affirm that I am 18 years of age or older, and represent that I have my own medical and other insurance coverage to provide me benefits and protection in the event that I am injured or if I cause liability to others.

Consent

I hereby grant permission to Youth for Christ/USA the right to use, reproduce, and/or distribute any photographs, films, video-tapes and sound recordings of me and my child, without compensation or approval rights, for use in materials created for purposes of promoting the future activities of Youth for Christ/USA.

Signature _____

Date _____

SAFE DRIVING & INSURANCE AGREEMENT

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY- sign and date below and submit all *required documents.

**IN ORDER TO TRANSPORT STUDENTS,
YOU MUST HAVE A *MINIMUM OF \$100,000/\$300,000 AUTO LIABILITY
You must be 21 years of age to drive students for Youth for Christ/Campus Life/City Life**

_____ I WILL NOT DRIVE STUDENTS. _____ please initial here, sign and date at the bottom of this page.

_____ I WILL DRIVE STUDENTS. Date of birth _____ Driver License # _____ State _____ Classification _____

___ I will drive students in my own vehicle and will submit a copy of my current *Insurance Declaration Page with my application.

___ I will only drive a YFC Vehicle. (RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY)

___ I have a CDL and am willing to drive a bus for YFC.

ALL DRIVERS must submit with this application, a *Copy of their Current Ohio Driver License (both sides)

PERSONS APPROVED TO DRIVE FOR YFC WILL BE NOTIFIED AFTER COMPLETION AND REVIEW OF APPLICATION.

***The following lists the coverage that is required on your personal vehicle if you drive students in your personal vehicle. This is required by YFC/USA and is **not an option**. The coverage page must show the name of the Insurance Company, the name of the insured (YOU) the policy expiration date, and the required coverage, as stated below and can be faxed to 216.252.9882 by your agent:**

1. Must be covered by a reputable company
2. Liability \$100,000 per person, \$300,000 per occurrence
3. Property \$50,000
4. Should be covered by a standard policy which is not restricted to the employee being the only driver

DRIVERS, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION

Safe Driving Code of Conduct and Agreement

1. I will carry at least \$100,000/\$300,000 Liability Insurance **or refuse to transport others in my vehicle if I do not.**
2. I will submit a current copy of my Liability Insurance to the YFC office if I am driving students in my own vehicle.
3. I will submit a copy of my current Ohio Drivers License to the YFC office.
4. I understand that all drivers of YFC vehicles transporting kids and/or cargo (including rented, borrowed, leased and owned by YFC) MUST BE AT LEAST 21 YEARS OF AGE.
 - Drivers under this age limit will not be allowed to operate YFC vehicles or drive students under any circumstances.
5. I affirm that I am AT LEAST 21 YEARS OF AGE.
6. I will obtain a valid driver license in the correct class for my YFC driving duties.
7. I will only operate vehicles that are in good operating condition.
8. I will carry an emergency kit with me when transporting others.
9. I will look behind the vehicle twice before backing vehicle.
10. I will always wear seat belts.
11. I will require my passengers to wear seat belts.
12. I will carry no more passengers than the vehicle has seat belts.
13. I will obey all traffic laws.
14. I will keep a safe distance from vehicles in front of me.
15. I will stop driving when I get tired.
16. I will stop the vehicle in order to discipline passengers if discipline becomes necessary.
17. I will keep my mind on my driving, not on the conversations around me.
18. I will check the oil and tire pressure on the YFC vehicle I am driving each week.
19. I will NOT use my cell phone while driving.
20. I will NOT text, access email, or use the web with handheld devices while transporting youth.
21. I will eliminate distractions *while driving* by not using electronic devices, GPS, etc.

Interns should be classified as volunteers. Auto insurance follows the vehicle not the driver.

Office Use

Drive:
Y / N

Ins. on file:
Y / N

Drivers License
on file:
Y / N

Name: _____

Please Print

Signature

Date

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The YFC/USA Risk Management Department requires all staff and volunteers to complete Safety Training. Please complete the online Sexual Abuse Prevention Training by reading this letter and following these directions.

Thank you for your willingness to volunteer
and for the time it will take to complete this training.

Welcome to YFC's Online Abuse Prevention Training for Volunteers, the instructions from Praesidium on the following page will get you started, with directions to log in and access the training. Thank you for taking the time to seriously consider this issue and honor our responsibility for the safety of every young person in YFC.

As you follow the instruction, you will see you need to enter the following registration code to log in: **yfc7190**. Once you enter the code, you will be able to select your chapter from a drop-down box (**Greater Cleveland Youth for Christ**) to complete your signup.

Upon logging in, you should see a welcome message from Dan Wolgemuth, YFC/USA President, and the training course listed that must be completed. This is serious material containing very helpful information in a format including personal interviews with both abusers and victims of abuse. You might find it a little difficult to watch, and we all wish we didn't have to think about these issues. However, given the times we live in and the culture we work in, we have to face these issues preemptively and head-on if we're going to take seriously our responsibility to protect kids. The required course for volunteers is:

Abuse Risk Management for Volunteers

This module shows volunteers how molesters operate, the devastating effects of abuse, and the specific steps volunteers can take to prevent abuse and false allegations of abuse.

If you encounter problems logging in or need further assistance, Praesidium's technical support team is ready to assist you. Contact them at support@praesidiuminc.com or 817-801-7773.

Armatus is designed to be viewed on computers that meet the following minimum technical requirements.

Browser:

- Microsoft Internet Explorer 5.5 and up.
- Firefox 1.5 and up.
- Chrome 1.0 and up.
- Safari 2.0 and up.

Internet Connection: High-speed connection preferred (T1, DSL, Cable Modem). 56K connection (or less) may cause long delays.

- Flash Player - Macromedia Flash Player 6.0 and up
- Processor - Pentium 90-MHZ or better, or Macintosh PowerPC.
- Screen Resolution - 1024 x 768 pixels.
- Cookies - Accept browser cookies.
- Firewalls - Not be behind a firewall that blocks cookies or blocks access to the Praesidium Servers.
- Pop-up windows - Turn off pop-up blocking.

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Welcome to Armatus! We have developed some helpful hints to ensure you retain what you learn. To complete the training you will need: a computer with Internet access, audio connection, scrap paper, inkpen or pencil & access to a printer. Good luck and enjoy your courses.



1. Right Place, Right Time

Set the right conditions for learning. Create an environment with no interruptions, no phone calls, and no distractions – simple as that. Set aside 30 – 45 minutes for each course so you don't have to hurry.



2. Take your Time

Have patience and take your time. Read carefully to make sure you fully understand the content. Instead of rushing through the training, plan to complete only one or two courses each time you login so you can really absorb what you've learned. Complete each course from beginning to end. If you stop a course before you finish it, you'll have to start over at the beginning of the section where you left off.



3. Follow the Orange Arrows

When it's time to move to the next page, an orange arrow will appear. Click on the orange arrow to move forward. Do not use your Internet browser's forward and back arrows or refresh buttons, or you'll find yourself back at the beginning of the course!



4. Think about It

Lastly, pause and think about what you are learning. Throughout the course, think about how you can apply what you are learning to your own position. We know that with proper concentration you can understand and apply what you learn. When you pass the quiz at the end of the course you'll earn credit and a printable certificate.

5. Enroll and Begin Training

To enroll:



1. Open a web page. In the browser enter <http://armatus2.praesidiuminc.com/Armatus/security/anonymous/selfRegistration>.
2. Enter the registration code: **yfc7190**
3. Fill out the form and click the link to enroll. (A valid email address is not required. This section may be bypassed by adding **'N/A' in the email address box.**
 - a. **Organization is Greater Cleveland YFC**
 - b. **Choose your role: Employee or Volunteer**
4. Print the page or write down your user login and password for future reference.
5. Begin training immediately by clicking on **'Log In'**.

To complete training:

1. Complete the three security questions to be directed to the course page.
2. Be sure to read the brief letter from our president, Dan Wolgemuth.
3. Remember to click on the orange arrow to proceed through the course.

ROLE	COURSE REQUIRED
EMPLOYEES	Meet Sam , It Happened to Me, & Abuse Prevention Refresher (after 1 yr. of employment)
VOLUNTEER (including Board Members)	Abuse Risk Management for Volunteers

4. Complete the training and take the short quiz at the end. You have the option to print the certificate for your records. Youth for Christ will receive notification that the quiz is complete.

THANK YOU

If you have questions along the way, contact your supervisor, YFC's Administrative Department, or Praesidium technical support at support@praesidiuminc.com or 817-801-7773.

<p>I, _____, completed the SAPT on _____.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(printed name) (date)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(signature)</p>

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Dear valued staff or volunteer,

In order to comply with the Youth for Christ National Service Center, we will now be completing background checks with Praesidium, a national background screening company. Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification (BCI) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) background checks will still be required of all persons present in the Cleveland Municipal School District (CMSD), working with students.

Please ask your YFC/CL staff member if you need the BCI/FBI in addition to the Praesidium Background Check.

Upon receipt of your completed application, you will receive an email from Praesidium, Inc. that will include a link to complete your background check. Please be sure to complete **ALL** lines and spaces that are highlighted and read all questions carefully. At the end, you will be prompted to provide a digital signature.

As a reminder, we will not be gathering consumer credit information. In order to work with students, the information that we will be gathering will be: Criminal Searches and Sex Offender Searches.

On behalf of Greater Cleveland Youth for Christ/Campus Life/City Life,

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