



## Children and Youth Ministry Volunteer Application

### Personal Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

### Church Involvement

Are you a member of Chatham Community Church? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, how long have you attended Chatham Church? \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and am in agreement with Chatham Church's beliefs statement?  YES  NO

Please list all current and previous experiences working with children/youth.

Are you in a Chatham Church Small Group?  YES  NO

If yes, who is the leader of your Small Group? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the circumstances surrounding your inviting Christ into your life. Why do you believe you have eternal life? (Please use the back of this page if necessary)

Please list where you are currently involved at Chatham Church. (Small groups, serving in other ministries, etc.)

Briefly share why you want to be involved in Chatham Church's Children's or Youth ministry.

**References**

Please list two or more *character* references, none of which may be a relative or employer, who knows you well and that we may contact. One of these may be a Chatham Community Church pastor, elder, or ministry leader. For each reference, please provide the following information:

Reference #1: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature/Length of Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference #2: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature/Length of Association: \_\_\_\_\_

## Code of Ethics

1. I desire to model Christ-likeness in all my behavior, especially as I serve in ministry to children and/or youth at Chatham Community Church. I aim to demonstrate my love for the Lord Jesus, my gratitude for His grace and forgiveness, and testify to the power of the Holy Spirit working in my life.
2. I desire to demonstrate respect, loyalty, patience, courtesy, and maturity.
3. I will treat children of all races, religions, and cultures with respect and consideration.
4. I will not abuse children/youth, in any way, including but not limited to:
  1. Physical abuse (e.g. strike, shake, slap)
  2. Verbal / Mental abuse (e.g. humiliate, degrade, threaten)
  3. Sexual abuse (e.g. inappropriate touch, or exposure)
5. I will not possess or use illegal drugs. I will not possess or use alcohol or tobacco in the context of ministry.
6. I will not use or tolerate profanity in the presence of children.
7. I understand that any violation of this Code may be grounds for dismissal, discipline, or other action by the Church.

Have you ever engaged in any conduct that would be regarded as criminal child abuse or neglect?

YES       NO

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Are there any felony charges currently pending against you?

YES       NO

Do you have any contagious disease, health issue, or history of emotional illness that would currently place children, other workers, or yourself at risk?

YES       NO

We conduct background checks for all of our children/youth ministry volunteers. Do you have any reason to believe such a background check would disclose any information that would suggest that you should not serve in this ministry?

YES       NO

If you answered yes to any of the above four questions, please explain. (Please use the back of this page if necessary)

## Acknowledgment

I recognize that, as a condition to my service, any references may be contacted, a background check will be made, and a criminal history check will be conducted, and I willingly consent to all such checks. I further authorize my references to give you any information they may have regarding my character and fitness for working with children and/or youth. I release Chatham Community Church and all such references from any and all liability for any damage that may result from furnishing such evaluations to you, and I waive any right that I have to inspect references provided on my behalf.

I understand that if I have questions about this Code of Ethics, any church policies, or any aspect of my service with Chatham Community Church, I will contact a Pastor or Children/Youth Ministry Leader for clarification and guidance.

I agree to support Chatham Community Church's ministry vision and values.

**By signing below, I indicate that I have carefully read the foregoing release, know and understand the contents. I also acknowledge that all of the information I have provided is true and complete.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_