



GRACEchurch OF ORANGE

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY APPLICATION

Office use - date approved: _____

This application is the starting step of getting involved in ministry at Grace. We consider our volunteer ministers vital to the ongoing work of equipping believers to serve the Lord and for reaching our community for Christ. Additionally, it is the Elder's responsibility to make sure those who teach are in agreement with our doctrinal positions as well as equipped to fulfill their teaching role. Seeking to be good stewards and being overseers of the flock of God at Grace Church we have developed this application for those who would like to serve God at Grace. We feel that it is of utmost importance to establish certain policies and procedures for Bible teachers as well as those who work with adults, youth and children. We desire to fulfill our responsibility before the Lord Jesus Christ and to all those who enter the doors of our church by helping our team of ministry volunteers to be dedicated, equipped, and trained. Thank you for considering this ministry as unto the Lord. We want you to know that the leadership of Grace Church is here to help you accomplish the task that the Lord has placed before you.

QUALIFICATIONS

The basic qualifications for involvement as a teacher or leader are that you:

- Are a maturing follower of Jesus Christ.
- Have demonstrated knowledge of and ability to apply and communicate Biblical truth (applies to those seeking teaching ministry).
- Have been interviewed by a Pastor or Elder of Grace Church.
- Have been actively attending Grace Church for a minimum of six months.
- Have several positive references.
- Agree with and support the Statement of Faith of Grace Church of Orange.
- Complete the application and training process

APPLICATION PROCESS

Note: Information contained in this application is completely confidential. All information is kept in a locked file, available only to the Elders and/or pastoral staff.

1. Return the completed application in a sealed envelope to the church office. Please retain the cover letter for your records.
2. Following the evaluation of your application and with approval from the Elders, a ministry leader will contact you to discuss the general church policies and the specific procedures pertaining to the position for which you are volunteering.

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(Received by Staff)

This application is to be completed by all who desire a volunteer position in ministry at Grace Orange. It is being used to help Grace Church provide a safe and secure environment for those children and youth who participate in our programs and use our facilities. This is not an application for employment.

Date of application: _____

FULL NAME (Mr/Mrs/Miss): _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME: (_____) _____ CELL: (_____) _____

EMAIL: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: ____/____/____

I am applying to serve as a: Teacher / Leader Assistant / Helper

I would like to serve in the following ministry areas (check all that apply): Early Childhood (Nursery)
 Children Jr. High High School Adult Small Group Worship AWANA VBS

Why do you desire to be involved in ministry at Grace Church?

List any interests, callings, training, education (medical, CPR, etc), abilities, skills or other factors that have prepared you for work with children/youth/adults.

When did you start attending Grace Church?

PERSONAL REFERENCES (excluding former employers and relatives)

Name: _____ Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship: _____ Relationship: _____

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT

The pastors and elders of Grace Church of Orange will hold this statement in strict confidentiality. The ministry leader will ask for the applicant's permission before discussing this application with any other person.

Legal and liability issues make the asking of these questions necessary. Also note that the pastors/elders are required by law to report any suspected child or elder abuse.

Please answer all questions honestly; no questions automatically disqualify, but all volunteers for Children's/Youth Ministries must be truthful with the pastors and themselves about their conduct and convictions.

1. Have you ever been accused or convicted of child abuse or a crime involving actual or attempted sexual molestation of a minor? Yes No
2. Have you ever been a victim of sexual abuse? Yes No
3. Have you regularly viewed pornography in the last year? Yes No
4. Have you ever been convicted of a felony offense? Yes No
5. Have you ever engaged in homosexual activity? Yes No
6. Have you consumed illegal drugs or narcotics during the last 5 years? Yes No
7. Have you ever undergone treatment or counseling for alcoholism or substance abuse? Yes No

Have you read and do you agree to abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of our church? Yes No

Have you read and are you in full agreement with the Statement of Faith? Yes No Not Sure

If there is an area with which you are not in full agreement, please state briefly what it is.

Should my application be accepted, I agree to be bound by the Bylaws and policies of Grace Church, and to refrain from unscriptural conduct in the performance of my services on behalf of the church.

The information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize any references or churches listed in this application to give you any information (including opinions) that they may have regarding my character and fitness for ministry to children, youth, or adults. In consideration of the receipt and evaluation of this application by Grace Church, I hereby release any individual, church, youth organization, charity, employer, reference or any other person or organization, including record custodians, both collectively and individually, from any and all liability for damages of whatever kind or nature which may at any time result to me, my heirs, or family, on account of compliance or any attempts to comply, with this authorization. I waive any right that I may have to inspect any information provided about me by any person or organization identified by me in this application.

I further state that I have read and agree to comply with the GCO Child Protection Policy and **I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE FOREGOING RELEASE AND KNOW THE CONTENTS THEREOF AND I SIGN THIS RELEASE AS MY OWN FREE ACT.** This is a legally binding agreement which I have read and understand.

Print Name

Signature

Date

Place in an envelope and return to the church office. Thank you!

REQUEST FOR CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK AND AUTHORIZATION

Important: This section must be completed by every applicant regardless of criminal record.

I hereby request and authorize the release of any information which pertains to any record of convictions contained in law enforcement files or in any criminal file maintained on me whether local, state or national. I hereby release local, state and national law enforcement agencies from any and all liability resulting from such disclosure. I further acknowledge that if a criminal background check is conducted as may be required under the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, I may be denied access to children while the application is pending. I further understand that in accordance with this law, if I am denied a position because of a conviction which appears as a result of such search, I may challenge such information.

Signature: _____ Today's date: _____

Print name: _____

Print maiden name (if applicable) _____

Print all aliases: _____

Date of birth: _____ Place of birth: _____

Driver's license number and state: _____ State: _____

Social security number: _____