



**Leadership
Team**

**INFO PACKET &
APPLICATION**



Leader Application

HEY!

We are so excited that you are considering joining the Leadership Team at ABC Youth! Our youth leaders have the special privilege of being able to make eternal impacts in the lives of students... and have a great time doing it.

We truly believe that students are essential to the Church, and we get the privilege of mentoring and guiding the next generation of Christian leaders. While this job is not always easy, we believe that serving as a youth leader is one of the best uses of your valuable time & energy. Whether you love students or they scare you, we hope these next pages provide helpful information on what our youth leaders do and how YOU can join our team!

What is ABC Youth?

ABC Youth's Vision Statement:

Our ministry exists to ground students in God's Word and to challenge them to be leaders of impact in their generation.

ABC Youth nights consist of time for students to **socialize** and hang-out with friends (and make some new ones!) The night then moves into a time of **worship** and a large-group lesson from the Bible. The night ends with **small group** discussions where our youth leaders like YOU get to connect with their regular small group (based on grade and gender) to discuss how the lesson further applies to the students' lives.

What Does a Youth Leader DO?

- **Commit to serving with ABC Youth for 2 years.** This allows enough time for youth leaders to develop significant relationships with students. 2 years also gives us a chance to learn your strengths and how to best utilize your gifts so you feel “sufficiently” used in our ministry.
- **Lead a small group.** Being a youth leader is about connecting relationally with students and encouraging them spiritually. Relationally, you are expected to engage your small group students personally and are encouraged to periodically attend outside events they are engaged in (i.e. sports, musicals, concerts, etc.) Spiritually, you are expected to lead discussions during small group time that are meaningful and develop spiritual growth (don't freak out, we'll help you with this!)
- **Attend youth group and events consistently.** We know that you have a life outside of serving as a youth leader, and your time is very valuable. However, you are only effective when you are present. If consistent attendance is an issue, leaders may be asked to move to serve in a different role that allows for greater flexibility.
- **Crowd control.** This is a reality, Jr. and Sr. High students are FULL of energy. Youth leaders are our first line of crowd control. We ask that you specifically take responsibility for your small group. Use your influence as their small group leader to help us transition between fun and serious when needed.
- **HAVE FUN.** Let loose and let your students see who you really are. The more open and fun you are, the more successful of a youth leader you will be!

What's Next?

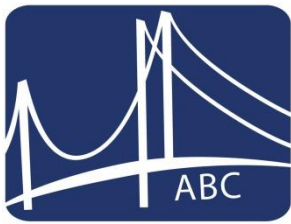
1. **Take a Deep Breath** and actually believe that God could use you to make a difference in a student's life. Seriously, take a deep breath.
2. **Fill out an Application.** Fill out the attached application and Screening and send them to Pastor TJ via email or hard copy.
3. **Visit an ABC Youth Service.** Schedule a time with Pastor TJ to visit a youth group night.
4. **Schedule an interview.** This will only take about an hour. This interview will allow me to get to know you better and understand how you can best impact our team.

ABC Youth Contact Information

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LEADERSHIP TEAM APPLICATION:

Complete this application and turn it in to our church office or Pastor TJ

Name: _____ Cell# _____

Email: _____ Address: _____

How long have you been attending ABC? _____

Are you a member of Austin Bluffs Church? Y N

Have you been baptized? Y N

Are you in a Life Group? Y N Who is your Life Group leader(s)? _____

Why do you want to be a youth leader?

List some of your strengths and describe a time when you were able to use them.

Share a Bible verse that has greatly impacted you? Why is it so powerful to you?

Is there a topic or area of the Bible that you might have difficulty explaining? (i.e....Baptism in the Holy Spirit, Relationships and sex, the end times)

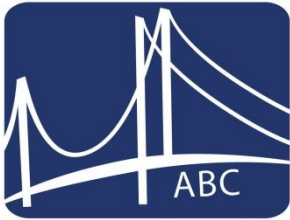
Share about a time when you served as a leader and explain what you learned from it.

What unique additions will you bring to ABC Youth?

Who are the 3 most influential people in your life and why?

How would you describe your family upbringing? How has this impacted the person you've become?

If married: Briefly describe the state of your marriage. **If single:** Briefly describe your relational world.



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**PRIMARY SCREENING APPLICATION
FOR CHILDREN/YOUTH WORK**

This application is to be completed by all applicants for any position (volunteer or compensated) involved in the supervision of custody of minors. This is not an employment application form. Persons seeking a position in the church as a paid employee will be required to complete an employment application in addition to this screening form. It is being used to help the church provide a safe and secure environment for children and youth who participate in our programs and use our facilities.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Today's Date: _____ Birthdate: _____

Name: _____ Social Security #: _____
Last First Middle

Current Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____

What type of youth or children's work do you prefer? _____

What date would you be available to begin? _____

What is the minimum length of commitment you can make? _____

Marital status: Married _____ Single _____ Engaged _____ Separated _____
Divorced _____ Remarried _____ Widowed _____

Do you use tobacco? ___ Drink Alcoholic Beverages? ___ Use non-prescription drugs? ___

Do you have any physical handicaps or conditions preventing you from performing certain types of activities? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, please explain. _____

Do you have any medical conditions that may affect the work environment (safety) and persons of our children, nursery, etc? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, please explain. _____

Do you have a current driver license? Yes ___ No ___ Driver's license #: _____

CHURCH ACTIVITY

Are you a Christian? _____ When were you saved? _____

Name of church which you are a member? _____

List (name and complete address) other churches you have attended regularly during the past five years. _____

List all previous church work involving children or youth (list each organization's name and address, type of work performed, and dates). _____

List all previous non-church work involving children or youth (list each organization's name and address, type of work performed, and dates). _____

List any gifts, callings, training, education, or other factors that have prepared you for children or youth work. _____

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Have you ever been convicted of a FELONY or any other crime, other than traffic violations?

Yes ___ No ___ If yes, please explain. _____

Have you ever been convicted of a drug related charge or had charges reduced to a plea bargain?

Yes ___ No ___ If yes, please explain. _____

Have you ever been dismissed from employment or a volunteer position in a child supervisory capacity? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, please explain. _____

Will you give Austin Bluffs Church permission to do a confidential background check on you?

Yes ___ No _____

PERSONAL REFERENCES

(Please do not use relatives or people from this church.)

Name: _____ (relationship) _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Phone #: (____) _____

Name: _____ (relationship) _____

Address: _____
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Phone #: (____) _____

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT

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 children or youth work. In consideration of the receipt and evaluation of this application by Austin Bluffs 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.

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

I further state that **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.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Witness: _____ Date: _____

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