



## Children's Ministry Volunteer Application

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Thank you for your interest in serving in one of our children's ministries. We appreciate your willingness to complete the application and are grateful for your desire to see young lives changed for good by God's power and your presence.

In choosing a leadership role, you have influence with the kids you serve. You may not have an official role of responsibility for adults, but to the Next Gen, you are a leader. Our children will watch you closely and take what you say seriously. That's a good thing because leaders are role models.

As a role model, your lifestyle is part of the package. What you say and do on Sunday or a weeknight with the kids should be consistent with who you seek to be at home and work. The last thing we would want to do is put you in a position where you feel pressure to teach, represent, or appear to give assent to a view on these following topics that you do not personally embrace. In order that we can be aligned to partner in ministry, here's what we expect for all of us on the team.

### **What We Believe**

The foundation of ministry is based on what we believe. Our beliefs are based on biblical theology, and while this brief list is not comprehensive, it represents the core of the essentials. (See 12Stone Website for a fuller presentation.)

#### 1. God

We believe that there is one living, true, holy God, eternally existent in the Holy Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is the Creator and desires a relationship with all mankind.

#### 2. Jesus

We believe that Jesus was miraculously conceived, born of a virgin, fully man and fully God, and lived a sinless life. Christ died on a cross for our sins, was bodily resurrected, and offers us the hope of eternity in Heaven.

#### 3. The Bible

We believe the Bible is the divinely inspired Word of God and without error. The sole basis of our belief is based upon the Scriptures.

#### 4. Salvation

The central purpose of God's revelation in Scripture is to restore people to fellowship with Himself described as follows:

- a) Humankind was created by God, in perfect relationship with Him, but is now tragically lost and separated from God because of sin.
- b) Each person can be restored in relationship to God and made new in Christ by the work of the Holy Spirit. And, thereafter, continue to grow (mature) in the knowledge of God.
- c) Salvation is wholly a work of God's free grace received by repentance and faith.



## **What We Say**

What you say and how you say it has a defining impact on those you influence (James 3:1-12). Your words in person should be covered in prayer and spoken in the framework of the fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22-23). Your words on social media are no less important. Some of the kids will visit your social media accounts, and so will their parents (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, Blog, etc.).

Social media can be a great connection tool, and it also serves as a window to your personal life. Because of that, we ask that you use social media with wisdom and discretion. We understand this is a judgement call and trust you will leverage it wisely.

## **How We Live**

Because sexual relationships and social behaviors are important to God and culture continues its attempt to redefine them, we are focusing a large topic (how we live) into a relatively narrow focus.

We teach that sex was created by God as an expression of intimacy between a man and a woman within the context of marriage. Volunteers who embrace lifestyles or behaviors that conflict with this premise will eventually find themselves having to pretend to be something they are not or believe something they don't. In an effort to protect you from a potentially awkward situation, we ask the following:

1. If you are involved in a sexual relationship outside of marriage, whether single or married, we ask that you not volunteer in Next Gen Ministries at this time.
2. If you are pursuing, or currently in, a same sex relationship, we ask that you not volunteer in Next Gen Ministries at this time.
3. If you are single and living with a member of the opposite sex, we ask that you not volunteer in Next Gen Ministries at this time. We don't want to put you in the awkward situation of having to explain your living arrangement to kids or parents.

Another culturally relevant topic related to how we live involves substance behavior. If you have struggled with substance abuse, God can use your story for good. But timing matters, and a conversation might be needed. In general:

1. If abusing illegal drugs or consuming alcohol to the point of being unable to drive or to the point of it being illegal for you to drive yourself home is a regular part of your routine, we ask that you not volunteer at this time.
2. If you are currently being treated for alcohol or drug abuse, we ask that you not volunteer at this time.

If any of these things are a struggle for you, although it may not be the right time for you to volunteer, we would love to have a conversation with you if that would serve you well.



12Stone Church Children's Ministry: [kids@12stone.com](mailto:kids@12stone.com)

Campus: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Gender:  Male  Female

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt Size: XS S M L XL 2XL 3XL

MaritalStatus:  Married  Single

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Children and Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Student?  Y  N

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian CellPhone \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe when and how you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior.

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How long have you attended 12Stone® Church? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any areas you are serving within the church.

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Please list any previous experience in leadership or working with children.

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Please explain why you are interested in serving in Children's Ministry.

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**In order to maintain security within our ministries, we perform a background check on every volunteer before serving.**

**Have you ever been charged with or convicted of a crime other than minor traffic violations?**  Y  N

**If yes, please explain:**

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**References:** Please list three friends or coworkers (not relatives) who know you well that the church may contact.

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**Ministry Preference:** *Please choose a ministry area and volunteer role you are interested in. (e.g. Elementary Small Group Leader)*

Ministry Area: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Role/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**Service Preference:** *(Please provide your service preference time.)*

*(e.g. Sunday 6pm)*

Service time: \_\_\_\_\_ (am/pm)

I don't have a specific service preference, so you can place me wherever I'm needed. Please circle YES or NO.

Do you speak any other languages besides English? If yes, please list: \_\_\_\_\_



## **Applicant Statement**

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY.** If you have any questions, please have them answered **before** signing this document. This document affects your legal rights.

As part of my volunteer experience with 12Stone Church, Inc. (12SC), I understand that my name, image (in photograph and/or video), or statements (collectively "Contribution") may become part of a promotional video or product produced by 12SC. I grant 12SC and 12SC's publishers and partners the right to use my Contribution in all forms and media and for use in advertising and promotion. I waive my right to approve of or inspect the use of my name, image, and/or statement in the product and acknowledge that I have no ownership rights in the product. I release 12SC and 12SC's assigns, licensees, and successors from any claims that may arise regarding the use of the Contribution including any claims of defamation, invasion of privacy, or infringement of moral rights, rights of publicity, copyright, or right to compensation.

In full recognition and appreciation of the dangers and risks inherent in volunteer activities, I do hereby waive, release, and forever discharge 12SC, its officers, directors, agents and employees from and against any and all claims, demands, action or causes of action for costs, expenses or damages to personal property or personal injury, or death, which may result from my participation in these activities.

I understand and admit that my participation is completely voluntary. I assume full responsibility for any injuries or damages resulting from my participation in this program including responsibility for using reasonable judgment. I recognize and understand that the activities may be hazardous, that my participation is solely at my own risk, and that I assume full responsibility for any resulting injuries and damages.

I affirm that I am in good health. I further declare that I am physically fit and capable to participate in such activities. I understand that it is my responsibility to notify the appropriate person in the event of a medical emergency. I also understand that this Waiver of Liability and Release binds my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns as well as myself.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand this entire Waiver of Liability and Release, and I agree to be legally bound by it. I have read and understood this agreement.

By signing, I also acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to withhold to the values in the entirety of this application

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Participant's Name

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Participant's Signature / Date

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Name of Parent or Guardian  
(If participant is Under 18 years of age)

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Signature of Parent or Guardian / Date

### **For Office Use Only:**

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**Staff Signature**

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**Print Name**

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**Date Received**