

# **New Journey Youth and Children Volunteer Form**

(Updated April 2024)

## **Requirements**

All volunteer and paid staff who work with children, youth, and other vulnerable people at New Journey UMC will be:

- At least 18 years old. Exceptions apply for approved youth helpers.
- At least five years older than the oldest child/youth they will be supervising.
- A regular attendee at New Journey United Methodist Church for at least six months. Rare exceptions may be made in consultation with the pastor in charge for special situations.

All volunteer and paid staff who work with children, youth and other vulnerable people at New Journey UMC will:

- Complete and sign an application and the related waivers giving permission to check references and background information.
- Provide the names and contact information of three personal references.
- Undergo a criminal background check if they will have leadership responsibility for children/youth/other vulnerable people.
- Undergo training in accordance with the program in which they will work.
- Individuals who have been convicted of physical or sexual abuse or neglect may not work in any church-sponsored activity or program for preschoolers, children, youth or other vulnerable people.
  - All applicants may be interviewed for suitability for the work they desire to do. Interviews will be conducted by the leader of the program in which the applicant will work. Church policy and guidelines should be discussed during the interview.

## Training

Volunteers are required to attend an in-person training prior to serving at an event.

This training will include:

- General Safety
- First-Aid
- Abuse and Neglect Identification and Reporting
- Registration, Sign-In, Sign-Out
- Inclement Weather and Emergency Evacuations and Procedures
- Media Use
- Event Specific Training

## Volunteer Screening

Volunteers may not serve in the Youth and Children's Ministry until a screening and interview has been completed and on file.

First Name:

Last Name:

Aliases:

Maiden Name:

Primary Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email:

Current Address:

State:

Zip:

## References

Please Provide THREE references. These references may not be related to you.

### Reference 1

Full Name:

Relation:

Contact Info:

### Reference 2

Full Name:

Relation:

Contact Info:

### Reference 3

Full Name:

Relation:

Contact Info:

## Background Check

Please Select One:

☐ I can provide a comprehensive background check that is less than 1 (one) year old.

Or

☐ I allow New Journey UMC to complete a background check.

## New Journey Background Check Only:

Please provide all counties of residency for the last 20 years (beginning 2004) or all residencies.

County	State	Start (M/D/Y)	End (M/D/Y/)
			Current

By signing this volunteer form I understand that I must complete a screening, background check, interview and training before serving in New Journey UMC Youth and Children Ministry. I agree to adhere to all policies and guidelines set by New Journey UMC.

Print Name:

Signature:

Date: