

Grace Community Church of Madera

Children's and Youth Ministry Volunteer Application – Adults

The following questions are designed to help us know you better. Our desire is to minister to the lives of children and youth by supporting parents and the home through instilling God's word and character into the heart and mind of each child in a safe and loving environment.

Personal Information

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Gender Male Female Date of Birth _____ Age _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Cell phone _____ Email address _____

Marital status _____ Spouse's name (if applicable) _____

How long have you been at Grace Community Church? _____

Have you trusted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? yes no

Have you been baptized? yes no Are you a member of GCC Madera? yes no

Volunteer interest (check all that apply):

- Nursery & toddlers (birth to 3 years)
- Preschool & kindergarten (3 to 5 years)
- Elementary (1st to 6th grades)
- Awana (3 years to 6th grade)
- Youth (7th to 12th grades)
- VBS
- Substitute (select desired age group(s): Nursery / Preschool / Elementary / Any Age Group)

Write a brief testimony of how and when you came to know Jesus as your Lord and Savior.

Describe your relationship with the Lord now.

Why do you desire to serve in children's or youth ministry?

What are your current commitments? Please include work, school, and other commitments.

Have you served in any other ministry areas at Grace Community or any other church? If yes, please list them and tell a little about your experience.

Employment and Education

Occupation _____ Employer _____

Education status: _____ Full time student _____ Part time student _____ Graduate

Highest level of education _____

Degree earned/ working towards _____

Personal Background

All information is held strictly confidential by the Grace Community Church staff. Answering yes to any of the questions may not necessarily preclude your involvement. Thank you for your understanding.

1. Do you have any physical or mental limitations preventing you from performing certain activities? yes no
2. Have you been hospitalized or treated for alcohol or substance abuse? yes no
3. Have you been accused or arrested for a criminal offense excluding minor traffic violations? yes no
4. Have you ever been convicted or accused of child abuse, sexual abuse, molestation, or sexual misuse with a minor? yes no
5. Are there any circumstances involving your lifestyle or background that would call into question your ability to work with children? yes no

If you answered “yes” to any of the previous questions, please explain below.

References

Please list the names, and phone numbers of three people who know you well. Only 1 may be a family member.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Leadership Statement

As a teacher or helper working with children, you will have a significant influence in the shaping of a child’s spiritual life. We believe we should agree on the “basics” of our Christian faith. Below is a condensed statement of what our church believes and teachers. **If you agree with these beliefs, please sign your name below to verify that agreement. If you differ with these beliefs, and do not wish to sign the agreement, please indicate so and we will set up a time to discuss your questions.** The following are scripture references and statements that would reflect the heart of a person who is actively pursuing a growing relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Passionately committed to Christ: Luke 9:23-26

Having convictions that are based upon the Word of God which guide your life in daily decisions to honor the Lord Jesus Christ in whatever you say, do, or think.

Biblically Measured: John 8:31-32

Growing with a commitment to be a learner and follower of God’s Word: spend time in the Word and make Biblical decisions.

Morally Pure: John 14:21

Lives a holy life, void of even a suggestion of possible immorality and having a heart that quickly seeks the Lord’s forgiveness.

Healthy Families/ Relationships: Mark 6:9-10

Consistently affirms the marriage vow. The single Christian leader will conduct his/her dating relationships in an upright manner. Will show a positive and uplifting attitude towards others; avoiding gossip and negativism; maintaining a kind and even temper; avoiding outbursts, intemperate behavior; and promoting unity and trustworthiness in the family and the body of Christ.

Good Stewards: Luke 21:1-4

Makes personal resources available to the work of God’s ministry: prioritizes giving over the fleeting pleasures of wealth.

Evangelically Faithful: Matthew 28:19-20

Has confidence in the authority of Christ: prepared to give out the gospel of hope in both word and deed; and prayerfully asks that God might call those around them to place their faith in Christ.

Socially Responsible: Matthew 25:37-40

Has a burdened heart for those in need and ostracized by society; comforts individually; takes responsibility within the community; and maintains a Christ like sacrificial attitude.

Please initial each line and sign below.

_____ I agree with the above statements. I understand the importance of unity among Grace Community Church. If, at any time I question or disagree with the teaching of the church, I will make an effort to speak with the Childhood Education Director and/or a Staff Pastor.

_____ I give Grace Community Church of Madera permission to contact the above references and any government agency deemed necessary to determine my suitability as a child/youth volunteer. I understand that any information obtained about me will only be used for screening applicants and will be held confidential by GCC staff.

_____ I have received and read a copy of the “Grace Community Church Child Protection Policy” and will strictly adhere to it.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____