

Volunteer Application for Children & Youth Ministries at Sheridan Lutheran Church

Instructions *Please complete all of the questions accurately and fully.* Today's date: ___/___/___

Personal data

Full Name: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____ Cell phone _____

Best time to contact you: _____

Email address: _____

What volunteer position are you interested in?

What interests you about the position for which you are currently applying?

What strengths do you bring to this volunteer position?

Briefly describe your previous volunteer experience:

Briefly describe your school and work experiences:

Hobbies and favorite pastimes:

Have you ever been accused of physically, sexually or emotionally abusing a child or an adult? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, please explain.

Code of Conduct for the Protection of Children and Youth

Read and initial each item to signify your agreement to comply with the statement.

____ I agree to do my best to prevent abuse and neglect among children and youth involved in church activities and services.

____ I agree not to physically, sexually or emotionally abuse or neglect a child or youth.

____ I agree to comply with the **Safeguarding Policies of Sheridan Lutheran Church** with children and youth.

____ In the event that I observe any inappropriate behaviors or possible policy violations with children or youth, I agree to immediately report my observations to the Director of Ministries or the Director of Children's Ministries or to one of the Pastors.

____ I acknowledge my obligation and responsibility to protect children and youth and agree to report known or suspected abuse of children or youth to appropriate church leaders and state authorities.

____ I understand that the church will not tolerate abuse of children and youth and I agree to comply in spirit and in action with this position.

____ I agree to avoid using my phone during time spent with the children.

Acknowledgment, Release and Signature

To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this application is complete and accurate. I authorize any person or organization, whether or not identified in this application, to provide any information concerning my previous employment, education, credit history, driving record, criminal conviction record, sexual offender registry or other qualifications for volunteering. I agree to be bound by the Safeguarding policies and procedures of Sheridan Lutheran Church.

Nothing contained in this application or in any pre-volunteering communication is intended to nor creates a contract between myself and Sheridan Lutheran Church for employment, volunteering or the providing of any benefit.

I have read and understand the above provisions.

Signed _____

Date _____

Please complete the Permission to Obtain a Background Check form.

Note that attendance at a Safeguarding God's Children training session is a requirement of volunteering within the ministries involving children and youth at Sheridan Lutheran Church.