

Student Ministry Leader Questionnaire



Thank you for your interest in serving in student ministries at Calvary Nexus! To help us get to know you better, please complete this questionnaire and return to a student ministry staff member. After completing this, a student ministry pastor will contact you soon for an interview.

As a customary safety protocol with all student ministry volunteers, you will be required to complete a background check prior to serving. This will require a Social Security # and Driver's License # on a Permission to Obtain Background Check consent form, which is attached to this packet.

Name: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone Number: _____

Age: _____ **Date of Birth:** ____/____/____

Do you consider Calvary Nexus your home church?: ____

If so, how long have you been attending?: _____

Which student ministry do you want to serve?:

Journey (Middle School) **Haven** (High School)

1) Describe the Gospel: _____

2) Briefly describe your salvation experience: _____

3) How would you describe your relationship with Jesus right now?: _____

4) Why do you want to be involved at Journey or Haven?: _____

5) List any gifts, callings, training, education or any other factors that have prepared you to serve in student ministry: _____

6) What are some areas of weakness you may have regarding serving in youth? (i.e. ice breakers, public speaking, specific age groups): _____

7) Are there any teachings in Calvary Nexus that you disagree with or have questions about? If you are not familiar, please visit <http://calvarynexus.org/vision-beliefs>. If yes, please describe, and we can discuss these in your interview: _____

8) Describe your ability to lead others: _____

9) Describe your ability to follow leadership and receive correction: _____

10) Are there any restrictions that prohibit you from serving with minors? (e.g. felonies, registered sex offender, ever been asked to step down from serving in youth, etc.) If yes, please describe: (All responses will be kept confidential, and may not necessarily exclude your involvement) _____

11) Do you currently have a spiritual mentor that you meet with regularly? ___Yes ___No
If yes, please list him or her below as one of your references.

List 3 references (non-family members):

Reference #1

Name: _____ Best phone contact: _____

Years known _____ Relationship to you: _____

Reference # 2

Name: _____ Best phone contact: _____

Years known _____ Relationship to you: _____

Reference # 3 (Someone who currently attends Calvary Nexus - staff or non-staff)

Name: _____ Best phone contact: _____

Years known _____ Relationship to you: _____

Please sign below if you have truthfully answered all the questions above to the best of your knowledge and you agree to uphold the expectations of a student ministry leader (listed on the next page). *Please keep the expectations list for your records.*

Signature: _____

Name (Printed): _____

Signed and Approved by
Student Ministry Pastor

Expectations of Student Ministry Leaders:

****Please initial on each expectation that you agree to uphold****

___ Live a *life* of worship to Jesus; having a personal and thriving relationship with Jesus! All we do is for Jesus ultimately, so we want to encourage the most important part of serving is *Who* we serve!

___ A huge emphasis in youth group is bible-teaching. We expect you to have a proficient, working knowledge of the Bible and regularly study it as we all collectively strive to learn more about Jesus together.

___ Be *student*-focused during youth group gatherings.

___ Communicate in advance of any known upcoming absences (at least 1 day ahead).

___ As an adult presence, you will have authority to lovingly correct and steer students. We rely on your supervision as there are many students to care for.

___ If students express any form of self-harm, harm to others, abuse, neglect, illegal substance/weapon possession, or anything that is a cause for serious concern, you are mandated to inform a youth pastor.

___ Consistency in serving! Flakey-ness of leaders can negatively effect student's understanding of love, leadership, and sometimes of God. Your presence (or lack of) is very influential on a young student's life.

___ Live a life above reproach (Not privately or openly endorsing sin via lifestyle, conduct, social media, etc.) Living a Christian life can be challenging, so if you find yourself struggling with life-dominating sin, please seek help from your youth pastor or other spiritual mentors.

___ Should you have issues with leaders (staff or volunteers), we expect you to follow the model of Matthew 18:15-20 to effectively address issues and seek restoration.

___ Regularly meet with a spiritual mentor. If you currently don't have one, please be prayerfully seeking one.

___ You will be required to complete a background check. This scan will be repeated every 2 years.

What You Can Expect From Your Youth Pastor:

- Pastoral Care. We care for your own personal soul as well as students. If you are need spiritual guidance, you are can receive care and counsel from us. We will strive to help guide you as you continue to follow Jesus.
- You are not required to pay for youth costs out of your pocket. Any events requiring fees or admission will typically be paid for unless you choose to pay out of your own volition.
- An Order of Service (OOS) will be sent weekly so you can be prepared for each youth service. Your weekly role will be stated on these.
- Youth pastors will send resources and reading material periodically to help enrich your own spiritual life as well as how to better effectively serve the youth.
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[Volunteer Leader's Copy - *Please detach and **KEEP** this copy*]

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Permission to Obtain a Background Check

(This form authorizes the church to obtain background information and must be completed by the applicant. The church must keep this completed form on file for at least two years after requesting a background check.)

I, the undersigned applicant (also known as "consumer"), authorize **Calvary Nexus** to procure background information (also known as a "consumer report and/or investigative consumer report") about me. This report may include my driving history, including any traffic citations; a social security number verification; present and former addresses; criminal and civil history/records; and the state sex offender records.

I understand that I am entitled to a complete copy of any background information report of which I am the subject upon my request to **Calvary Nexus** if such is made within a reasonable time from the date it was produced. I also understand that I may receive a written summary of my rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Identifying Information for Background Information Agency (also known as "Consumer Reporting Agency")

Print Name: _____

First
Middle
Last

Other Names Used (alias, maiden, nickname): _____

Current Address: _____

Street /P. O. Box
City
State
Zip Code
County
Dates

Former Address: _____

Street /P. O. Box
City
State
Zip Code
County
Dates

Social Security Number: _____ Daytime Telephone Number: _____

Driver's License Number: _____ State of Issuance: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Gender _____
