

Culver Palms Church of Christ Children & Youth Ministry Volunteer Application

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." (Deut. 6:4-6)

Thanks for Volunteering

Thank you for choosing to become a vital participant in the Children's Ministry at Culver Palms and being willing to invest time and energy in this endeavor. We sometimes use the term "volunteers" as a convenient way of referring to those who serve, but we mean people who lovingly respond to Jesus' call to serve in his ministry. We are thankful that you wish to be part of our service team to our young people at Culver Palms Church of Christ. We are well aware that our volunteers significantly influence the spiritual formation of our children's faith, whether you serve infants in Cradle Roll or on through the teen years.

About this Application

Your honest answers to the following questions will assure our church family of a safe, secure and caring environment for our children and youth who participate in our programs and for those who work with them. A background check via www.accuratebackground.com is a requirement for employment and/or volunteer services with Culver Palms Church of Christ. After your background has been checked, Mark Manassee, our Senior Minister, will be notified. The ministry leaders of the Youth and Children's programs will be notified that you have passed. These leaders will then want to talk to you about your interests and talents with our program. Only Mark will know if you applied and did not pass the background check. You are welcome to speak with Mark, regarding the questionnaire and the process.

About US

We are a community of believers who come from many walks of life reflecting the exciting cultural and ethnic diversity of metro Los Angeles. What brings us together is our spiritual journey. To journey alone is dangerous. To journey without meaning is pointless. To journey with an authentic community of people, is a gift. At Culver Palms you will find Jesus Christ at the center of that journey and Scripture as our guide.

~ Mark Manassee, Senior Minister, www.culverpalms.org

What We Believe:

- The living God is surprising, wild, and passionate while pursuing a living relationship with us.
- The Bible is the remarkable story of God's pursuit of men and women.
- Jesus is the clearest picture of God and the Messiah promised to ancient Israel.
- God lives through the Holy Spirit in Jesus' people.
- Faith is accepting the risk in trusting God with our whole life.
- In baptism, the story of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection becomes our story of forgiveness.
- The Church is the God given group for achieving God's loving purposes on earth.
- Men and women are called to use their gifts in all aspects of the church's life.
- One day God will show his presence in Jesus again and all creation will be made new.

We are glad that you have joined us on the journey! You are welcome to keep this first sheet of paper for your record. Thanks for taking the time to fill out the following application. Put the application in the accompanying envelope, seal it, and send it in the mail to the church.

About You:

Personal

Date: _____

Social Security No: _____

Your Full Name:

Last	First	Middle	Maiden
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Have you ever used any other name? If so, list here.

Address: _____

City, Zip: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Driver's License Number: _____ State: _____

How many months/ years have you been attending Culver Palms? _____ Are you a member? _____

What gifts or experiences do you bring to this ministry?

Briefly describe how you became a Christian and your relationship with Christ today.

List cities and states in which you have lived; any denominations or churches in which you have been a member, including email addresses; and all previous church service, volunteer or paid, you have provided **in the last two years**. Include approximate dates. (Attach a separate page, if necessary, or write on the back of this page.)

<i>Name of Church</i>	<i>Type of Work</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Contact Person</i>	<i>Email/Phone number</i>
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Please provide 1 personal reference not related to you whom you have known **at least one year**. You may include a member at Culver Palms Church.

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

List all your previous work (non church), volunteer or paid, involving children or youth **in the last two yeas**. Include approximate dates, organization names, type of work, name of supervisor, and their email address or telephone number. (Attach a separate page if necessary or write on the back of this page.)

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Because this church cares for our children/youth and desires to protect them, a background check is a requirement for employment and/or volunteer services with Culver Palms Church of Christ and the information received will be used solely for these purposes. Any information and/or reports received will be held in strictest confidence and will not be shared with any other entities. We also ask you to answer the following question. We understand the following question is personal and we will protect your privacy.

Are you currently under a charge or have you ever been convicted of or pled guilty to child abuse or a crime involving actual or attempted sexual misconduct or sexual molestation of a minor? _____

If you answered yes, please explain on the back of this application or attach a separate page, if necessary. You may also choose to speak to Mark Manassee, our Senior Minister.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING BELOW

I have not been convicted of nor admitted to committing, nor am I under indictment for any felony, misdemeanor, or deferred adjudication offense involving drugs, child abuse, sexual offenses or moral indecency.

This information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsifying criminal history information may be unlawful and would lead to revocation of my children's ministry privileges. I give my permission for an agency authorized to obtain criminal history information to release these facts to the Senior Minister, Mark Manassee, at the Culver Palms Church of Christ. I also authorize any references or churches listed to release any and all records or information. I give the church permission to contact references and appropriate government agencies as deemed necessary in order to verify my suitability in working with children.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Office use only: Background checked References checked _____

Name

Date