

Children/Youth Ministries Volunteer Application

Evangelical Free Church

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This application is to be completed by all those desiring a ministry position involving the supervision of minors. It is being used to help the church provide a safe & secure environment for those children and youth who participate in our ministries and use our facilities.

CURRENT PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____ Date _____
First Middle Last

Address _____
Street City State Zip Code

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

Date of Birth _____ Marital Status _____ Spouse's _____
Month Day Year

No of Children _____ Ages _____ Emergency Contact _____

How long have you been regularly attending Evangelical Free Church, Bozeman? _____

What church or churches did you regularly attend prior to coming to Evangelical Free Church, Bozeman?

Church	Pastor's Name	Years attended

PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO JESUS CHRIST

At E-Free in order to be involved in nurturing our young people in Christ either directly or indirectly, we believe it is first essential to have been nurtured in our own relationship with Christ. This is what we believe the Bible teaches it means to be a Christian. Please read and respond.

❖ GOD'S PURPOSE: PEACE & ETERNAL LIFE.

God loves you and wants you to experience peace and life - abundant & eternal (Romans 5:1; John 3:16; John 10:10b).

❖ OUR PROBLEM: SIN AND SEPARATION.

God created us in His own image to have an abundant life. He did not make us as robots to automatically love & obey Him, but gave us a will and a freedom of choice. We chose to disobey God and go our own willful way (Romans 3:23). We still make this choice today. This results in separation from God. (Romans 6:23)

❖ GOD'S REMEDY: THE CROSS.

Jesus Christ is the only answer to the problem of sin and separation from God. He died on the Cross and rose from the grave, paying the penalty for our sin and bridging the gap between God and people (1 Timothy 2:5; 1 Peter 3:18; Romans 5:8).

❖ OUR RESPONSE: RECEIVE CHRIST.

We must trust Jesus Christ and receive Him by personal invitation (Revelation 3:20; John 1:12; Romans 10:9).

❖ HOW TO RECEIVE CHRIST:

- 1 Admit your need (I am sinful selfish, wanting my way instead of God's way).
- 2 Be willing to turn from your sin and selfishness (repent).
- 3 Believe that Jesus Christ died for me on the cross and rose from the grave, and
- 4 Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to come into your life and control your life through the Holy Spirit.

❖ GOD'S ASSURANCE OF YOUR BEING HIS CHILD COMES FROM HIS WORD (THE BIBLE) & HIS SPIRIT

(Romans 10:13; Ephesians 2:8 & 9; 1John 5:12 & 13)

I have accepted Christ as my Lord and Savior and now have a personal relationship with Him: Yes _____ No _____

THE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF AMERICA STATEMENT OF FAITH

Are you presently a member of the Evangelical Free Church of Bozeman? Yes ___ No ___

If 'yes', we assume you are familiar with the Evangelical Free Church Statement of Faith and are in agreement with it. If you are not a member please read the attached copy and answer the following questions:

Are you in agreement with the Evangelical Free Church Statement of Faith? Yes ___ No ___

Is there any aspect of the Statement of which you are not completely comfortable? If so share your concerns below or on a separate sheet of paper. ***Please note that absolute agreement is not necessary for membership or working with our youth, but we are interested in your concerns.***

REFERENCES & SECURITY DETAILS

The questions listed below are part of the interview process in order to help provide a safe & secure environment for our children and youth. **All information will be held strictly confidential by Church Leadership.** Answering "yes" to any of the questions may not necessarily preclude your involvement in Children's Ministry. Thank you for understanding.

Have you ever been convicted of, or are you currently under investigation for any sexually related crimes? ___

Have you ever been convicted of, or are you currently under investigation for any abuse related crimes? ___

Are you now involved in or do you have any reason to defend participation in illegal drug use, drunkenness, co-habitation as an unmarried couple, or other activities spoken against in the Bible? ___

If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, please explain:

Personal Character References (must be over 18 years of age and not related to you). Please include one reference from a staff member, elder, or ministry leader at E. Free Bozeman who knows you well OR three references from others that know you well. (We would especially want to hear from someone who has helped and/or encouraged you in your Christian walk):

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone No _____
Complete Mailing Address _____

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Complete Mailing Address _____

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Complete Mailing Address _____

The response and comments of the above references will remain confidential.

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THE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF AMERICA

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Evangelical Free Church of Bozeman actively participates in The Evangelical Free Church of America movement and holds the following ten articles Statement of Faith as the foundation of our teaching and practice:

Statement #1: We believe in one God, Creator of all things, holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Having limitless knowledge and sovereign power, God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself and to make all things new for His own glory.

Statement #2: We believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, through the words of human authors. As the verbally inspired Word of God, the Bible is without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for salvation, and the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged. Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches, obeyed in all that it requires, and trusted in all that it promises.

Statement #3: We believe that God created Adam and Eve in His image, but they sinned when tempted by Satan. In union with Adam, human beings are sinners by nature and by choice, alienated from God, and under His wrath. Only through God's saving work in Jesus Christ can we be rescued, reconciled and renewed.

Statement #4: We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, fully God and fully man, one Person in two natures. Jesus-Israel's promised Messiah- was conceived through the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father as our High Priest and Advocate.

Statement #5: We believe that Jesus Christ, as our representative and substitute, shed His blood on the cross as the perfect, all-sufficient sacrifice for our sins. His atoning death and victorious resurrection constitute the only ground for salvation.

Statement #6: We believe that the Holy Spirit, in all that He does, glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ. He convicts the world of its guilt. He regenerates sinners, and in Him they are baptized into union with Christ and adopted as heirs in the family of God. He also indwells, illuminates, guides, equips and empowers believers for Christ-like living and service.

Statement #7: We believe that the true church comprises all who have been justified by God's grace through faith alone in Christ alone. They are united by the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ, of which He is the Head. The true church is manifest in local churches, whose membership should be composed only of believers. The Lord Jesus mandated two ordinances, baptism and the Lord's Supper, which visibly and tangibly express the gospel. Though they are not the means of salvation, when celebrated by the church in genuine faith, these ordinances confirm and nourish the believer.

Statement #8: We believe that God's justifying grace must not be separated from His sanctifying power and purpose. God commands us to love Him supremely and others sacrificially, and to live out our faith with care for one another, compassion toward the poor and justice for the oppressed. With God's Word, the Spirit's power, and fervent prayer in Christ's name, we are to combat the spiritual forces of evil. In obedience to Christ's commission, we are to make disciples among all people, always bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed.

Statement #9: We believe in the personal, bodily and premillennial return of our Lord Jesus Christ. The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God, demands constant expectancy and, as our blessed hope, motivates the believer to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission.

Statement #10: We believe that God commands everyone everywhere to believe the gospel by turning to Him in repentance and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that God will raise the dead bodily and judge the world, assigning the unbeliever to condemnation and eternal conscious punishment and the believer to eternal blessedness and joy with the Lord in the new heaven and the new earth, to the praise of His glorious grace. Amen.

Areas of Interest

To help us get to know you and your ministry preferences

CHURCH & MINISTRY HISTORY & PREFERENCES

What leadership/volunteer experience have you had with children & youth? Be specific.

List any gifts, training, education or other factors that have prepared you to work with children/youth.

Please list any other E-Free ministries you are involved in at the present time.

Please check the services or groups you regularly attend:

___ Sunday 1st Service ___ Sunday 2nd Service ___ Sunday School

___ Mid Week Small Group Other _____

What area of ministry do you desire to be involved in? *Please circle all that apply*

- Nursery Children’s Church Sunday School Special Needs Partner**
VBS AWANA Music High School Middle School

WHAT IS YOUR AGE/GRADE AND TIME PREFERENCE FOR MINISTRY?

Age/Grade

- ___ Nursery (Birth - 35 Months)
 ___ Preschool (Age 2 - Kindergarten)
 ___ Elementary (Grades 1 - 5)
 ___ Middle School (Grades 6 - 8)
 ___ High School

Time Frame

- ___ Sunday 1st Service
 ___ Sunday School Hour
 ___ Sunday 2nd Service
 ___ Weekday Ministry
 ___ Weeknight Ministry

Do you have any questions or comments?

*****For Office Use Only*****

Ministry Supervisor _____

Approving Pastor _____

Initial Approval

Date

Final Approval

Date

Your Testimony

If you have accepted Christ as described on the first page, please share a brief description on how you came to know Christ as your Lord and Savior and what He has done in your life since.

Request for Background Check

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At *The Evangelical Free Church* of Bozeman we take seriously the need to provide a safe environment for the children and youth entrusted in our care. We value you and your desire to serve in the ministries at *The Evangelical Free Church*, and want to establish relationships of trust with the children, parents/guardians, and you. In order to do this we ask that each Children's Ministry Volunteer and Youth Ministries Volunteer consent to the following screening process, which will include:

- * Evangelical Free Staff approval
- * Character references (See Youth Volunteer Ministry Application)
- * An interview with an E Free supervising ministry leader
- * And your consent for a background check (below).

I hereby authorize all law enforcement agencies, past and present employers, former churches and other agencies or organizations to release information requested to *The Evangelical Free Church* of Bozeman for the sole purpose of verifying whether the applicant is or is not suitable for work with minors. This information is for church use only and will be kept confidential.

(Release of background check is valid for 120 days after signature and date below. Results of background check will only be available to the applicant, the director of children's ministries, the pastoral staff, and only other individuals if approved by the applicant.)

Please Print:

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Name _____

Maiden Name _____ Any Alias _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____ Social Security Number _____
Month Day Year

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if under 18 years of age) _____