



Youth Servant-Leadership Application Packet

This Packet Contains

Explanation of Level 1, 2 & 3 opportunities
Application
Covenant
2 Recommendation Forms

Use this packet to apply for as many Servant-Leadership opportunities as you wish.

If you are signing up for a Level 1 opportunity you DO NOT need any forms... you simply need to contact the church staff member listed

**If you are applying only for a Level 2 opportunity
you'll need to complete the following...**

Application
Covenant

**If you are applying for a Level 3 opportunity
you'll need to complete the following...**

Application
Covenant
2 Recommendations

**Forms for Level 2 and 3 opportunities are due to Rhonda May 12th
Staple everything together and mail to the church, c/o of Rhonda, or put in the black drop box on YC patio**

If you have any questions please e-mail Wes, wes@christunitedjxn.org

Level 1 Opportunities

Level 1 is simply an area of service in/with the church. The goal is to get youth engaged in the life of the church and in ministry partnership with adult Christians.

This list is NOT meant to be an exhaustive list.

This is simply a few of the immediate ways youth can volunteer with our Children's Ministry

E-mail the staff person listed to sign-up for these opportunities.

Weekly service opportunities

- Nursery Worker – help with nursery age children at either 9:30 or 10:50. Contact Sharon Box: sbox@christunitedjxn.org
- Praise Patch Helper – help with the 3 & 4 year olds on Sunday morning during the 10:50 hour. Contact Story Warren: story@christunitedjxn.org

Upcoming Event & Short-term service opportunities

- VBS Volunteers (June 7-10) – help with VBS in a variety of ways. Contact Rachel Wise: rwise@christunitedjxn.org
- Wild Wednesdays (Summer) – help with the Children's Ministry Summer program. Contact Terre Harris: tharris@christunitedjxn.org
- Live Nativity (December 17 & 18) – help with everything from set-up to being a character in our church's Live Nativity. Contact Terre Harris: tharris@christunitedjxn.org

Level 2 Opportunities

Level 2 is an area of teaching & small group ministry where a beginning evidence of spiritual growth is needed, but no previous leadership role is required. The goal is to get youth engaged in the life of the church by serving alongside an adult in a beginning leadership role with kids.

Year Long Servant-Leadership Commitments

- Ele. 9:30am Sun. School Helping Hands: assist a teacher with an Elementary class; a Bible story, craft, etc.
- Ele. 10:50am One Big Room leader: assist teaching K-5th graders in a Bible story, craft and DVD time, as well as help with snack and music time. Commitment begins in August. (current 9th-11th graders)
- Wednesday Ele. Student_SGL: Assist adult small group leader with a group of 8 elementary students of the same grade and gender. Encourage discussion and participation among children and develop relationships with them. Commitment begins in August. (current 9th-11th)

Application and Discipleship Commitment

1. Application & Interview process
2. Training: August 10, 6:00p-9:00p in YC
3. Team Covenant
4. Active participant in worship & D-Group
5. Group mid-year and end of year check-in

Level 3 Opportunities

Level 3 Service is an area of spiritual leadership in our church where evidence of spiritual growth and maturity is needed, and at least one year in a Level II Service role is required. The purpose is the get youth who are ready engaged in the life of the church by serving alongside and adult in a discipling role with kids and younger youth.

Year Long Servant-Leadership Commitments

- MS Student SS Teacher: help an adult teach a 7th or 8th grade SS class during the 9:30 or 10:50 SS hour Commitment begins in August (current 9th-11th)
- MS Student D-Group Leader: help an adult lead a MS D-Group on Wed nights. Commitment begins in August (current 9th-11th)
- Wednesday Night Ele. SGL – Co-Lead and develop relationships with a group of about 8 elementary students of the same grade and gender in their weekly small group time. You will be give a curriculum to follow which involves your weekly preparation. Commitment begins in August. (current 9th-11th)

Application and Discipleship Commitment

1. At least one year of service in a Level 2 or an equivalent leadership role
2. Application & Interview process
3. Training: August 10, 6:00p-9:00p in YC
4. Team Covenant
5. Active participant in worship, Summit Bible Study & D-Group
6. Individual and Group mentoring



Youth Servant-Leadership

Application: New Leader in Youth & Children's Ministries

name: _____
 how long have you attended CUMC? _____ are you a member? yes no
 address: _____
 your cell: (____) _____ - _____ your e-mail: _____@_____
 school & upcoming grade: _____
 parent's names: _____
 mother's cell: (____) _____ - _____ e-mail: _____@_____
 father's cell: (____) _____ - _____ e-mail: _____@_____

Rank in order the areas you would like to serve (you may serve in both levels if there are no time conflicts):

Level 2 Service

Year Long Servant-Leadership Commitments

- ___ Ele. 9:30am SS *Helping Hands* (current 9-11)
- ___ Ele. *One Big Room* 10:50 SS helper (current 9-11)
- ___ Wed. night Ele. Student SGL (current 9-11)

Level 3 Service

Year Long Servant-Leadership Commitments

- ___ MS Student SS Teacher (current 9-11)
- ___ MS Student D-Group Leader (current 9-11)
- ___ Wed. night Ele. SGL (current 9-11)

***** if you are a returning Student D-Group Leader you do not need to complete the following section *****

Personal and Spiritual History

(These should be thoughtfully answered, typed out on a separate sheet of paper.)

1. Write a brief testimony about your walk with Jesus; include your current walk with Christ and who has been the greatest influence in your faith.
2. Why did you select the areas of servant-leadership that you did?
3. What are your strengths and weaknesses?
4. What age and type of student do you think you would minister to the best (e.g. young children, elementary, middle school, etc. and athletic, wild, quiet, musical, etc.)
5. Please list out other groups and organizations that you are involved in during the Fall & the Spring, i.e. drama, school, sports, cheer, dance teams, etc... (make two lists, one for Fall and one for Spring)
 - How might these activities conflict with your commitment at as a servant-leader?
 - How do you plan on dealing with the time conflicts when they arise?
6. What is your understanding of what the Bible says about age controlled substances (i.e. tobacco & alcohol)? What is your view and how is this related to servant-leadership?

[only those who are applying for Level III Service need to answer questions 7-8]

7. Read John 3:27-36. What do you think this passage, especially verse 3:30, has to do being a student servant-leader?
8. Is there any behavior in your life (past or present) that may call in to question your integrity as a *level III* leader?

Date:

(administrative use only)

Youth Servant-Leadership Covenant

CUMC Youth Ministry

2010-2011 Ministry Year

After observing the ministry, time I have spent in prayer, and discussing with my family the commitment involved with being in Youth servant-leadership, I choose to commit to the following:

Servant-Leadership: Lifestyle of Biblical Faith/Trust

- Life of Faith/Trust*: I confess that Jesus is Lord, and trust Him for life. Also, as a servant-leader, I commit to learning what it means to trust Jesus with my life more fully.
- Life of Growth*: As a servant-leader I commit to seeking to grow in my trust and love of Jesus through public (worship service) and personal worship (prayer, Bible reading, journaling, etc.). Also, I understand that part of my commitment for this level of servant-leadership is consistent participation in a D-Group (for both level II & III) and *Summit* Bible Study (level III only).
- Life of Consistency*: As a servant-leader I commit to grow in my consistency of life so that the children or youth that are in my group see the same leader at church and in public.
- Life of Sacrifice*: I understand that part of growing in faith and consistency as a servant-leader is learning to live a life of sacrifice, and in our culture this means sacrificing some things that people assume are normal for teens, including alcohol and tobacco products. As a servant-leader I commit to abstaining from alcohol and tobacco use.
- Life of Purity*: I understand that part of growing in faith and consistency as a servant-leader is learning to live a life of purity. As a servant-leader I commit to learning boundaries and to loving accountability so that I may grow in sexual purity and integrity,
- Life of Transparency*: I understand that part of growing in faith and consistency is being transparent, or open. As a servant-leader I commit to being mentored in leadership and will be open to loving accountability and, if needed, loving discipline.

Servant-Leadership: Time Commitments

- I understand the mission statement of CUMC and the relational philosophy of the Student Ministry, and I am committed to shepherding the youth or children that God brings to me, both during program times and during the week.
- I am making a servant-leadership commitment at least the full school year.
- I will attend periodic Servant-Leadership meetings & prayer time, and will communicate with the appropriate staff member if I have legitimate school or family conflict.
- Because I am making a significant commitment and my presence is important, I agree to be consistent and timely for the program I am helping lead, and I also commit to communicating with the appropriate staff member if I have to be absent.

Student Name, printed: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____ (administrative use only)



Recommendation for Level 3 Servant-Leadership in Youth & Children's Ministries

Student Applicant Info: to be filled out by student

This form is to be completed by an adult D-Group Leader, minister, Small Group Leader or other adult who knows you well. We ask that you not use a parent, grandparent or aunt/uncle as a reference. We also ask that you not ask Student or Children's Ministry staff unless the staff person is your D-Group leader.

Name: _____

Level III Servant-Leadership area(s) you are applying for:

Referent Info: to be filled about by adult referent

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

* please fill out and mail to the CUMC Student Ministry at the following address:

CUMC Student Ministry
6000 Old Canton Rd.
Jackson, MS 39211
Attn: Rhonda Berry

Describe your relationship with the applicant:

Please check the response which you feel best describes the applicant:

	Excellent	Above Avg	Average	Below Avg	No Evaluation
1. Cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Dependability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Emotional Stability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Intelligence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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6. Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Social Maturity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Moral Integrity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Christian Maturity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

What are the applicant's strengths & weaknesses?

What gifts or skills does the applicant have that would benefit Student and Children's Ministries?

In what ways does the applicant live out the mission statement of the Christ UMC: a community experiencing the transforming grace of Jesus Christ?

Are there any issues that need to be addressed with the applicant before he/she becomes a leader with children or youth? Explain.

Is there any reason this applicant should not be a leader with children or youth?

Please make any additional comments on the reverse of this form.

Date:

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Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

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12. Emotional Stability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Intelligence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. Social Maturity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Moral Integrity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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