Emmanuel E-Free Church Application for Volunteer Work with Children/Youth

Confidential: This application is to be completed by all applicants for any position involving the supervision and/or custody of minors. It will be used to help Emmanuel E-Free Church provide a safe and secure environment for those children/youth and workers who participate in our programs.

1. Personal Information

Full Name: Street Address:

Primary Phone: Email Address: DOB:

2. Ministry Involvement

Do you have any physical conditions that might limit you from performing certain types of activities in the position for which you are applying (i.e., lifting toddlers, running short distances in an emergency, etc.)?

What spiritual gifts do you have, and how would you like to use them in children/youth ministry?

Why do you want to work with children/youth?

What do you see as the crucial needs for children/youth today?

What are some of your expectations of the ministry staff?

3. Legal Concerns

For the protection of our children and youth, please answer the following questions carefully and sign where indicated. Any special concerns can be discussed individually with pastoral staff and elders. Answering "yes" to these questions will not automatically disqualify you for work in children/youth ministry.

Have you ever gone through treatment for alcohol or drug abuse?

Have you ever been charged with, pled guilty or no contest to, or been convicted of any criminal violation or any type of sexual misconduct or abuse concerning a minor?

Have you ever had sexual relations with any minor after you became an adult?

Have you ever been convicted of, or are you presently charged with any crimes involving domestic violence, child pornography, child abuse, neglect, or molestation?

Have you ever been disciplined, suspended or terminated by any organization due to allegations of any type of sexual misconduct or abuse?

Is there any pattern or circumstances in your life which would make it inappropriate for you to serve in children/youth ministry or would compromise the integrity of the ministry at Emmanuel E-Free Church?

4.) Children's/Youth Work Verification and Release

I recognize that Emmanuel Evangelical Free Church is relying on the accuracy of the information I provide on the Children/Youth Work Application form. Accordingly, I attest and affirm that the information I have provided is absolutely true and correct. I voluntarily release the organization and any such person or entity listed on the Children/Youth Work Application form from liability involving the communication of information relating to my background or qualifications. I further authorize the organization to conduct a criminal background investigation. I have carefully read the policy and procedures of the organization, and I agree to abide by them and to protect the health and safety of the children or youth assigned to my care or supervision at all times.

Signature

5. Statement of Faith

God 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.

The Bible 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.

The Human Condition 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.

Jesus Christ 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.

The Work of Christ 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.

The Holy Spirit 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.

The Church 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.

Christian Living 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.

Christ's Return 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.

Response and Eternal Destiny 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.