

St. Matthias Episcopal Church
Occasional Church Worker Application

Name of Event or Activity _____ Date _____

This form is to be completed by all applicants for any position who will occasionally (as defined by the *Policies for Ministry with Children or Youth*) be responsible for the supervision of children or youth, and will herein be referred to as an "applicant". This screening form is being used to help St. Matthias provide a safe and secure environment for those children and youth who participate in our programs and use our facilities. At the same time, we feel a need to protect our workers as well as the church itself.

Please note the following:

Any applicant who has been convicted of either child sexual or physical abuse is not permitted to work in any church sponsored activity or program for children or youth.

All applicants working with youth or children are required to be members and regular attendees of St. Matthias for a minimum of six (6) months and be at least 21 years old.

All applicants must observe all the policies and guidelines of St. Matthias regarding work with children and youth.

All applicants should immediately report any behaviors, which seem abusive or inappropriate to the rector, or the rector's designee.

Please complete all of the questions accurately and fully. Please write legibly. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Personal Data

Today's Date: _____

Name _____ Date of Birth: _____

Mailing address: _____

Physical address: _____

How long at current address: _____

Home phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell phone: _____ email: _____

Best time to contact you: _____

Name on Driver's License _____

Driver's License #: _____ State of Issue: _____

Please list other cities or towns or states that you have lived in during the past seven years: _____

Employment History

Please complete for your current employer(s). For military, please provide your unit name and number and your commanding officer's name, rank and address. Please also include any prior employment that involved working with children or youth.

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Dates of employment: _____

Position held: _____

Immediate supervisors name _____

Reason for leaving _____

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Volunteer Experience

Please complete for your current volunteer involvement. Please also include any prior volunteer involvement that involved working with children or youth.

Organization: _____ Dates: _____

Contact person: _____ Phone number: _____

Duties: _____

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Duties: _____

Have you ever been accused of physically, sexually or emotionally abusing a child, youth, or adult?
_____ Yes _____ No

Code of Conduct for the Protection of Children and Youth

Please initial each item to signify your compliance with the statement.

_____ I agree to observe all church policies regarding working with children and youth

_____ I have read and agree to abide by the Guidelines for Appropriate Affection in Ministry With Children or Youth (see attached).

_____ I have not been convicted of either child sexual or physical abuse

_____ I agree to do my best to prevent abuse and neglect among children and youth involved in church sponsored activities and in the event that I observe any inappropriate behaviors or possible policy violations with children or youth I agree to immediately report my observations.

_____ I agree not to physically, sexually, or emotionally abuse or neglect a child or youth.

_____ I understand that the church will not tolerate abuse or children or youth and I agree to comply in spirit and in action with this position.

Acknowledgment, Release, and Signature

To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this application is complete and accurate. I understand that providing false information is grounds for not hiring me or choosing me for a volunteer position or for my discharge if I have already been hired or chosen.

I authorize any person or organization, whether or not identified in this application, to provide any information concerning my previous volunteer experiences (church, scouts, etc.) employment, education, military service, credit history, driving record, criminal conviction record, sexual offender registry or other qualifications for my employment or volunteering. I also authorize St. Matthias to request and receive such information. If hired or chosen, I agree to be bound by policies and procedures, including but not limited to its Policies for Ministries with Children or Youth and Guidelines for Appropriate Affection in Ministry With Children or Youth. I understand that these may be changed, withdrawn, added to or interpreted at any time at the sole discretion of St. Matthias and without prior notice to me.

I also understand that my employment or volunteering may be terminated, or any offer or acceptance of my employment or volunteering withdrawn, at any time, with or without cause, and with or without prior notice at the option of St. Matthias or myself.

Nothing contained in this application or in any pre-employment or pre-volunteering communication is intended to or creates a contract between St. Matthias and me for either employment, volunteering or the providing of any benefit.

A photocopy of this release is authorized for use by St. Matthias.

I have read and understand the above provisions.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name (please print) _____ Phone number: _____

office use: Reviewed and approved by: _____ Date: _____