

**Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
Volunteers with Children and Youth
Information Form**

Working with:
<input type="checkbox"/> Children
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth
<input type="checkbox"/> Childcare
<input type="checkbox"/> Music School

This information form is being used to help Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church (SVPC) provide a safe and secure environment for its children and youth, as well as leaders who participate in its programs and use its facilities. Before undertaking any position involving the supervision of children or youth, individuals will complete this form, attend Safe Church training, be fingerprinted and have criminal background and reference checks. Volunteers new to SVPC may also be interviewed.

The information obtained from this form is for the use of Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church only.

Applicant's Name _____

Address _____

Home and cell phone numbers: _____

Email _____

Current Employer _____

1. List the areas in which you **currently** volunteer at SVPC.

2. List any health-related training (CPR, first aid, lifeguard, EMT, etc.)

3. Why do you feel called to serve in the Children's, Youth or Music School ministry?

4. What qualities do you have that would help you work with Children's/Youth/Music School?

5. List 4 **personal references** who have seen you work with children or youth. Include at least one reference who is not part of the SVPC congregation. Do not include relatives or former employers. At least two of these references will be checked, as well as other individuals of our choosing (previous churches, volunteer organizations, others at our church).

Reference Name: _____
Full Address: _____
Home Phone: _____ Work/Cell Phone: _____
How Long Known: _____ Relationship: _____

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6. List the name(s) and address(es) of other churches, if any, you have attended regularly during the past five years.
7. List any previous or current paid or volunteer work involving children or youth outside of SVPC. Include the organization, city and dates you volunteered (scouting, sports leagues, schools, etc).
8. List previous residences (for last seven years); include the address, city, state & zip code.
9. List any states (other than California) where you have resided as an adult.

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Waiver and Consent

I affirm that the information I have given in this form is true and correct and that if there are any changes, I will promptly notify Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church (SVPC).

I provide my approval for SVPC to verify the information I have provided on this form by contacting persons or organizations I have named as well as other persons or organizations who may have information concerning me (including law enforcement agencies). I hereby release and agree to hold harmless from liability (a) any person or organization that provides information (including opinions) in connection with this form and (b) Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church and the officers, employees and volunteers, thereof, in connection with the verification of any information provided in this form.

I understand that SVPC may withhold volunteer approval for any reason it deems relevant, and that the exact specifics of this information may not be disclosed to me.

I have read this waiver and the entire application, and am fully aware of its contents. I sign this consent freely and under no duress or coercion.

Applicant's signature

Date

If applicant is under 18, a parent or guardian must also sign this form.

Parent's signature

Date

Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church Covenant Statement for Volunteers Working with Children and Youth

While working as part of a Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church (SVPC) ministry, I agree to provide a safe and supportive environment for all persons who come together in this place. I will do everything within my power to minimize the possibilities of any kind of personal abuse and ensure the safety of those in my care.

Therefore, in all of my church relationships I will seek to:

- Treat *all* children, youth, and adults with respect and consideration
- Respect everyone's rights to decline being touched in ways that make them feel uncomfortable
- Maintain an attitude of respect, patience, courtesy, appropriate language, and maturity as a positive role model for children and youth

In situations in which I relate with children and youth, I will seek to:

- Use positive techniques of guidance, such as redirection, positive reinforcement and encouragement rather than competition, comparison, and criticism
- To have age-appropriate expectations and establish an environment that minimizes the need for discipline
- Refrain from any behavior that could be considered abusive
- Be sure the children and youth for whom I am responsible are always well supervised during church activities
- Not use, possess or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs during the times I am working with children and youth
- Attend training sessions or forums offered by SVPC dealing with abuse prevention, Safe Church policies and procedures, and appropriate boundaries

I understand that abiding by these promises and policy guidelines is important and necessary to my participation with children and youth as part of SVPC's programs. If I fail to abide by them, I realize that I may be reassigned or relieved from my church-related duties at the full discretion of church leadership.

Signature

Date signed

Name Printed