



# ALUMNI APPLICATION FORM

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## I am applying for:

- International Ministry Team (Traveling)
- National Ministry Team (Traveling)
- Year Available: \_\_\_\_\_ (Team commitments begin in August.)

## APPLICANT

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (mo/day/yr) \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ C H W

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Facebook network \_\_\_\_\_

List previous team name(s) and years \_\_\_\_\_

Current congregation \_\_\_\_\_ Member since (month/year) \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email/Website \_\_\_\_\_ Denomination (If Lutheran, please list synodical affiliation) \_\_\_\_\_

## REFERENCES: Please list the following information for two references (not including team mates) we may contact:

May we contact your former team mates? Yes No

A. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Phone \_\_\_\_\_ C H W

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

What is your relationship to the reference? Please check all that apply:

Employer/Supervisor     Pastor     Teacher/Professor     Youth Minister/DCE     Teammate

Other \_\_\_\_\_

B. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Phone \_\_\_\_\_ C H W

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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**SHORT ESSAY** If you need more space to respond, please use separate paper. Please type or write legibly.

1. What have you been doing since your previous team experience? (Skip this question if you are a consecutive year team applicant.)

**ESSAYS** Please complete on separate paper. Please type or write legibly.

1. Why are you applying for another year of team?
2. How would your family/significant others feel about your committing to another year of team ministry?
3. How are you feeling physically, emotionally and spiritually?
4. Are you able to dive into relationships with a new team? Are you able to face the same host home questions for another year and sincerely invest in the valuable ministry that can take place in those homes?
5. What areas of the team experience were especially challenging for you and how would you deal with those challenges for another year? In what ways did you grow through the team experience?
6. What area of growth do you suppose God has in store for you in another year of team?

**CONSIDERATIONS Please** read, consider and pray about the following questions. Be prepared to discuss them in your interview.

1. Consider the “Comparison Monster.” A new team **WILL** be **DIFFERENT**; not good, not bad, just different. You will automatically come with expectations for team life--team for you is what you have experienced thus far. Reality suggests that “team” may have a whole different definition in another experience. A new team will operate differently relationally (in ministry), musically, and inter-personally (team dynamics). Regions are different. Your role will be different. What if personality conflicts require more energy? Are you able to be in touch with your own expectations? How will you deal with them?
2. Consider what it means to be an alumnus on a new team. What would it be like to be the only alumnus on a new team? One of two alumni? On a team composed entirely of alumni? How will you react to having to return to the pain of walking on eggshells when you are comfortable with the way things were done and communicated on your previous team? Will you be able to bite your tongue so others will have opportunities to learn and grow? How will you deal with being placed on a pedestal or with having your opinions discounted and resented because people don't want to hear how things were done on your “other” team?
3. Historically, alumni have had difficulty raising sponsorship for more than one year, seriously impacting the budget. How would you overcome this reality? Can you find time on the road to make personal contact with potential sponsors? Have you maintained good relationships with host families and others that may be interested in sponsoring you?
4. What advice might your previous teammates have for you upon entering another year of team ministry? What advice would they have for your potential teammates?

**SIGNATURE**

As a part of the Youth Encounter Team Ministry program, you will have your photo taken and promoted throughout your team year. By signing the application you are granting Youth Encounter permission to use your photo for promotional purposes. If you object to this process please call the Recruitment Department to discuss your options.

The information disclosed in this application is truthful and accurate to the best of my knowledge. By signing this application I am authorizing Youth Encounter to conduct a background check. I also waive the right to view the content of my referral information.

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Signature

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Date