

# Youth Commission

Diocesan Youth Commission is seeking applicants for the 2017-2018 school year. We are seeking cheerful servants who demonstrate spiritual maturity and leadership gifts and who are interested in developing skills and serving our Lord. This leadership group serves on youth events as well as at Diocesan Convention each year. Along with leading and serving, we teach skills including how to lead Bible studies, small groups, prayer, and share testimonies. Students are expected to serve in a leadership capacity in their church as well. This may include leading a small group Bible study, volunteering with middle school, or teaching children's Sunday School.

## **Applications are due by July 1, 2017**

Youth Commission is selected in early July. Membership in Youth Commission is a high calling with significant responsibilities and is limited to 20 students. It is a selective group and not all who apply are accepted. We ask that you prayerfully consider applying if you fit the following description:

### **Qualifications**

- 1] Growing Christian
- 2] A good student
- 3] Actively involved in your church
- 4] A desire and willingness to lead others

### **Characteristics**

- 1] Accountable: live out the faith you profess
- 2] Dependable: do what you say you will do
- 3] Responsible: able to have others in your care
- 4] Committed: self starter who follows through
- 5] Team Oriented: ability to work with others
- 6] Teachable: willingness to be a disciple
- 7] Positive Attitude: strives to look for the good

We work as a team to serve at Diocesan events and gain leadership experience. Serving on the Commission requires a commitment to serving at several youth events as well as Diocesan Convention, participating in training days, and attending at least one High School weekend. (For middle school events, you will pay 1/3<sup>rd</sup>, your church will pay 1/3<sup>rd</sup> and the diocese will pay the rest.) Youth Commission also has the opportunity to lead small groups at Epic.

Before completing the application, we ask that you spend time in prayer, examine your schedule, and discern if God is calling you to serve in this way. Please read the instructions carefully so that you complete the application fully. We may contact you for an interview if we do not already know you from diocesan events. We can arrange an interview over Skype if you do not live in the Charleston area. If you have questions, please contact Dave Wright at [dwright@dioceseofsc.org](mailto:dwright@dioceseofsc.org).

### **Vital Dates**

July 1  
July 15  
Sept. 16  
Oct 20-22  
Nov 10-12  
Jan. 6  
Feb 2-4  
March 10  
March 23-25

### **Event**

Applications due  
Youth Commission letters mailed out  
Youth Commission training  
Mondo - St. Christopher  
Regenerate - St. Christopher  
Youth Commission training  
The Jesus Weekend – St. Christopher  
Diocesan Convention  
Epic – St. Christopher

For more information go to <http://www.scyouth.org>

# Youth Commission Covenant

## SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

As a member of the 2017-2018 Diocesan Youth Commission, I pledge to make my spiritual growth a priority in my life. In order to accomplish this, I will:

- 1) Participate **actively** in the life of my church
- 2) Strive to pray and read the Bible daily
- 3) Stay in regular contact with my spiritual leaders

## YOUTH COMMISSION RESPONSIBILITIES

As a member of the Diocesan Youth Commission, I pledge to fulfill all obligations, duties and responsibilities assigned. These would include:

- 1) Attending and participating in all Youth Commission training events
- 2) Serving as a leader in my church
- 3) Serving in Middle School Diocesan events
- 4) Attending the Diocesan Convention
- 5) Participate in at least one High School diocesan weekend
- 6) Be responsible for all costs incurred by my participation in the above activities

## PERSONAL BEHAVIOR

As a member of the Diocesan Youth Commission, I pledge to follow all rules and instructions set by the leaders and the Diocese of South Carolina. This would include:

- 1) Living out the faith I profess (as stated in the Baptismal Covenant)
  - A) Resisting temptations to be in sinful situations  
(Includes any involvement with alcohol, illegal drugs, unlawful substances, sexual activity outside of marriage, character assassination-slander or gossip-or violent or disruptive behavior)
  - B) Holding yourself to a higher standard than the secular world
- 2) To ask for forgiveness when wrong and seek reconciliation
- 3) To serve others unselfishly and without thought as to fame, reward or repayment
- 4) To be responsible for all tasks assigned
- 5) To take the initiative to serve, work, problem solve, and adjust when needed
- 6) To lead when called on and follow as directed
- 7) To work with a joyful attitude

*In submitting an application you indicate that you have read this covenant and agree to the requirements, obligations, and responsibilities of being a member of the Youth Commission. Failure to uphold any part of the covenant may result in my being dismissed from the team.*

**(Do not submit this page with your application. Keep it as a reminder of what is expected of you)**

# Application

Please fill out the following application and return to Dave Wright by July 1, 2017. You should also make sure that both of your references (youth leader and clergy) are turned in by that time as well. Only completed applications will be considered. You will be notified in mid July on your status. Please be aware that the group is limited to 20 students and not everyone who applies is accepted. You may mail or email your application to the following address:

Dave Wright  
Coordinator for Youth Ministries  
Diocese of South Carolina  
Post Office Box 20127  
Charleston, South Carolina 29413-0127

dwright@dioceseofsc.org

Answer the following questions — please write neatly and concisely. You may use the back if needed.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Go by \_\_\_\_\_

Grade (fall 2017): \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_female \_\_\_male

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Names: \_\_\_\_\_

School You Attend: \_\_\_\_\_

List the extra curricular activities (sports, music, drama, etc) that you plan to participate in this fall, winter, and spring: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

How did you become a Christian?

What are you currently doing to develop your relationship with Christ?

What experiences have you had in leadership in your church, school, or community?

Describe any experience and/or training have you had in the following areas...

Tech (sound & lights); Photography/videography; Art (painting, drawing, etc):

Public speaking; Teaching; Drama; Writing:

Leading group activities (mixers, games, etc):

Other Skills:

Describe your involvement in your church. How will you be exercising leadership there in the coming year?

Are you involved in any ministries outside of your church?

What strengths and weaknesses you would bring to this group?

Why do you want to serve on the Diocesan Youth Commission?

How do you feel about leading Bible study groups with younger teens and peers?

Who encouraged you to apply for the Youth Commission and why?

What do you believe about the Bible? What role does it play in your life?

*I have read the covenant and agree to the requirements, obligations, and responsibilities of being a member of the Youth Commission. I also acknowledge that failure to uphold any part of the covenant may result in my being dismissed from the team.*

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent Permission

We (your names) \_\_\_\_\_ give permission for our son/daughter, \_\_\_\_\_ to apply for a position on the Diocesan Youth Commission. Should he/she be selected we fully understand the commitments being made. We also understand that violation of those commitments may result in the dismissal of our son/daughter from the Diocesan Youth Commission.

We give permission to the youth leaders in charge of the Diocesan Youth Commission (under the leadership of Dave Wright) to supervise, transport, and house our child during any diocesan activity or any Youth Commission event. Should an injury occur, we give our permission for emergency treatment to be administered to my child and that medical treatment decisions can be made by Dave Wright or an adult designated by him. We understand that every attempt will be made to contact us in case of an emergency. We also hold harmless the youth leaders in charge of the Diocesan Youth Commission and the Diocese of South Carolina.

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### INSURANCE INFORMATION

Name on Insurance; \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_

ID/Group #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** *Youth Commission are responsible for arranging their own transportation to and from events and meetings. Sharing rides with others on Youth Commission is highly encouraged.*

## Youth Leader Recommendation

Applicant: Please have this form completed by your youth minister or youth leader. He or she should mail or email directly to:

Dave Wright, Diocesan House, P.O. Box 20127 Charleston, South Carolina 29413-0127  
dwright@dioceseofsc.org

**Forms are due by July 1, 2017.**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of time you have known the applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number where you can be reached: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the applicant's involvement in the parish: \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you feel that this youth would represent his/her church well at the Diocesan level? How?

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Why do you feel that this youth would be well suited to minister to young people at the Diocesan level?

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Is there anything else you would like us to know about this student? \_\_\_\_\_

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By my signature I agree to support the applicant for Youth Commission:

\*By prayer

\*By providing spiritual support

\*By providing financial support in the way of paying one-third (1/3) of the costs for Middle School events. The candidate is responsible for one-third, and the Diocese will be responsible for one-third.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Clergy Recommendation

Applicant: Please have this form completed by your parish priest. He or she should mail or email directly to:

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dwright@dioceseofsc.org

### Forms are due by July 1, 2017.

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Time You Have Known Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number Where You Can Be Reached: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the applicant is a regular participant in corporate worship?

Is the applicant active in our church's ministry to youth?

Does he/she demonstrate spiritual and social maturity for his/her age?

Do you believe the applicant to be suitable for serving and leading in ministry on a diocesan level? Why?

Do you have any reservations about recommending this person for our diocesan youth commission?

Any further comments:

By my signature below I agree to support the applicant for Youth Commission by prayer, by providing spiritual support, and by providing financial support in the way of paying one-third (1/3) of their costs for Middle School events. The candidate is responsible for one-third and the Diocese will be responsible for the remainder. ***Please note that this is a selected group and not all who apply are accepted!***

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_