

# Urban Vision

## VOLUNTEER APPLICATION



Today's Date: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your interest in Urban Vision. It is our goal to match volunteers with opportunities that complement their unique interests and maintain a safe environment that protects the children and youth to whom we minister.

### The following items are required from all volunteers before working with Urban Vision:

1. Completed application
2. Background check completed by Urban Vision staff (rerun every year)
3. 2 references (or an interview)
4. Orientation

If you have any questions, contact Nathan Kreis by email ([nathan@urbanvisionministry.org](mailto:nathan@urbanvisionministry.org)) or by phone (330.762.1163). Thank you for helping us provide a safe environment for the children entrusted in our care.

Complete and return this volunteer application to Urban Vision through one of the following options:

1. *Mail:* Urban Vision, Attn: Nathan Kreis, P.O. Box 1563 Akron, OH 44309
2. *Dropping it off:* 749 Blaine Ave. Akron, OH 44310
3. *Email:* [Nathan@UrbanVisionMinistry.org](mailto:Nathan@UrbanVisionMinistry.org)

### Personal Information

Name: (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone Number: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Method of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail me Urban Vision's newsletter      Email me Urban Vision's newsletter

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Employer or School (if student): \_\_\_\_\_

Will your service hours at Urban Vision be used to fulfill a community service requirement for a school, employer, etc.?  No      Yes     If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

### Background Information

Church Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ How often do you attend:    weekly    bi-monthly    monthly

Please summarize your relationship with Christ.

Please list your prior experience working with children.

Why are you interested in working with Urban Vision?

## Interest Information

I would like to volunteer with: (please check all that apply)

### **Volunteer Opportunities *with* Children**

S.O.S. After-School Program (Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays; 2:30-5:00 p.m.)

Classroom Helper (school subject preference: \_\_\_\_\_)

Dinner Cook (approximately 65 kids)

Kids' Club (Fridays; 3:15-6:30 p.m.)

Group Helper (age preference: \_\_\_\_\_)

Dinner Cook (approximately 135 kids)

S.O.S. After-School Homework Help (Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays; 5:00-6:00 p.m.)

Special Events

### **Volunteer Opportunities *without* Children**

Adult English Class (Saturdays; 9:30-11:00 a.m.)

Building Cleaning (days and times are flexible)

Building Maintenance (days and times are flexible)

Office Help (days and times are flexible)

Please list any skills, talents, or strengths that would benefit Urban Vision.

How did you hear about Urban Vision: \_\_\_\_\_ Available start date: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in volunteering:

Weekly      Bi-Monthly      Monthly      Yearly

## Situation Information

If you prefer, you may choose *not* to answer the following questions, but rather *discuss* your answers with an Urban Vision staff member. Answering yes, or leaving the questions unanswered, will *not* automatically disqualify an applicant. The following questions are asked to ensure the safety of our minors and will be kept confidential.

1. Have you ever been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any crime? \_\_\_No \_\_\_Yes
2. Have you ever been accused, charged, alleged to have, or been involved in any act of neglecting or abusing any child or adult? \_\_\_No \_\_\_Yes
3. Have you ever been asked to step away from ministry or working with students or children in any setting, paid or volunteer? \_\_\_No \_\_\_Yes
4. Is there any circumstance or pattern in your life which would make it inappropriate for you to serve with minors or could compromise the integrity of Urban Vision? \_\_\_No \_\_\_Yes

If the answer to any of these questions is "yes", please explain in detail : \_\_\_\_\_

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## References

List two adults you've known for at least 6 months, who are not related to you, and who have a definite knowledge of your character and ability to work with children and/or youth. If you do *not* have two individuals that meet these requirements, you may meet one-on-one with an Urban Vision staff member instead.

### 1. Pastor, ministry leader, mentor or an Urban Vision staff member/volunteer

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of association: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Employer, fellow employee or Urban Vision staff member/volunteer

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of association: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Authorization

- The information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge.
- I understand the need to screen volunteers for the safety of Urban Vision's children and youth.
- I authorize any references or churches listed on this application to give you any information and opinions that they may have regarding my character.
- I grant permission to Urban Vision or its representatives to obtain a background check.
- I grant permission to be photographed and videotaped by Urban Vision or a representative for the sole purpose of promoting Urban Vision.

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

# Mission Statement and Guidelines

## Mission Statement

*Reaching the North Akron Community by demonstrating the redemptive love of Jesus Christ through Christ-centered programs focused on the needs of the people, restoring the community one child and family at a time.*

1. We recognize and assume the responsibility of the Great Commission to go into all the world in every area and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Urban Vision's specific calling is taking this Gospel into the North Akron Community from Elizabeth Park community extending up to North Hill working with the urban child and his family. *Matthew 28:19-20; Matthew 19:14.*
2. We recognize that the primary purpose of all creation is to glorify and love its Creator, the Lord Jesus Christ. The chief aim of this ministry will, therefore, be to glorify Him and teach others to do the same. *John 15:8; I Peter 5:11; Psalms 86:9.*
3. We recognize that the primary means of accomplishing the Lord's work and of expanding His kingdom is the labor of prayer. This ministry will, therefore, purpose to keep prayer of the utmost importance, both individually and as a group. *Colossians 4:2-3; Matthew 21:21-22.*
4. We recognize the need for both the child and the family to come to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ in order to grow spiritually, emotionally, and socially in the environment in which they live. *Romans 10:13-15; Mark 1:14-15; II Timothy 3:15.*
5. We recognize the need for a holistic approach to discipleship. We plan to do this by investing our lives in assisting the new believer to grow in the Lord Jesus Christ and encouraging them in their walk to become a mature believer. *Proverbs 22:6; Deuteronomy 6:5-9; II Peter 3:18; Matthew 25:35-36.*
6. We recognize the greatest commandment of all, to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and mind and to love our neighbor as ourselves, which extends to the urban child, family, and the entire community. *Matthew 22:36-39, I Corinthians 13:1-3, 13; John 13:34-35.*
7. We recognize the need to be both accountable and responsible in obedience to God's will in carrying out the mission of Urban Vision. *Romans 12:1-2; Galatians 2:20; John 14:21; Matthew 6:10.*
8. We recognize the need to serve the local evangelical church by bridging the gap between the urban family and the church. We resolve to pray for, seek and encourage a strong partnership between the ministry of Urban Vision and an evangelical church within the North Akron community. *Matthew 20:26-28; Philippians 2:5-8; Ezekiel 22:30; Isaiah 59:16; I Corinthians 12:12-26.*

## Guidelines

- During all Urban Vision activities, everything must be Christ-centered.
- Always ask program leaders before making any significant decisions or disciplinary actions.
- Treat all children and youth equally and with dignity and respect.
- Do not give any children or youth money or any other possessions.
- Never hit or touch children or youth unnecessarily. Do not allow children to sit or lay in your lap.
- Never be alone with a child in a closed room.
- Please let program leaders know in advance if you are unable to come.
- Please let the coordinator know if you believe a child is in a dangerous situation.
- Above all, remember to allow God to use your gifts and personalities in the best way to glorify Him.

I understand Urban Vision's Mission Statement and Guidelines and agree to follow them as a volunteer.

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

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## REFERENCE FORM

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

1. How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

In what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Has the applicant ever been asked to step away from ministry or work in any setting, paid or volunteer?

\_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Yes     If yes, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Do you have any hesitation about the applicant volunteering at Urban Vision \_\_\_\_\_

4. Please include any other comments/concerns that may be helpful to us as we consider this person for a volunteer position with children: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I prefer not to provide a reference.

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

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