



APPLICATION FOR SHARP PEN STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

CONFIDENTIAL

This application is to be completed by all volunteer applicants of the Sharpen Leadership Team. As a member of this team, you will be involved in the supervision or custody of minors. This is not an employment application form. The purpose of this form is to help Sharp Pens and Recon Ministries, Inc. evaluate potential team members and provide a safe and secure environment for minors who participate in our programs.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

- WE BELIEVE... in the triune Godhead—one God, three Persons—**God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit**. Matthew 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."
- WE BELIEVE... **the Bible is God's perfect word**, the ultimate authority, made up of 66 books. "All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness-" 2 Timothy 3:16.
- WE BELIEVE... the **accounts of Creation, the fall of man and the Flood** are literal as told in the book of Genesis. (2 Timothy 3:16)
- WE BELIEVE... that **Jesus Christ, God's only son**, was born of a virgin, being fully God and fully man. "That Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures," 1 Corinthians 15: 3b-4. That He ascended into heaven and that one day He will return and judge the world. "This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven," Act 1:11.
- WE BELIEVE... in **the Holy Spirit**. "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you," John 14:26.
- WE BELIEVE... in **the resurrection of the dead**. "These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life," Matthew 25:46.
- WE BELIEVE... all men have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). That they can have restored fellowship with God through 'salvation'. To be saved we must *Repent* (turn away from our sins) and *Believe* (trust in Jesus Christ and commit to following Him). Mark 1:15, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; **repent and believe in the gospel**."
- WE BELIEVE... **salvation is by grace alone**. "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast," Ephesian 2:8.
- WE BELIEVE... **Christians are called to a life of holiness and service**, that even though they stumble, God calls them to walk in the Spirit and avoid sin. "Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect," Romans 12:1-2. "For we are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them," Ephesians 2:10.

- WE BELIEVE... **'The Church' is the Body of Christ** and consists of the people who, throughout time, have accepted God's offer of redemption (regardless of religious denomination) through the sacrificial death of His Son, Jesus Christ. The church has a mission to seek and save all who are lost in sin.
- WE BELIEVE... that **marriage is the foundation of family life**, and that God's design for marriage is a relationship where both a naturally born man and a naturally born woman are committed to loving and caring for one another for a lifetime. "And He said, 'Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE, and said, "FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH"? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.'" -Matthew 19:4-6
- WE BELIEVE... **sex is given by God as an expression of love** to be shared and enjoyed exclusively between a husband and wife. "Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God," 1 Corinthians 6:9-10.
- WE BELIEVE... **human life is created by God in His image**. It is of inestimable worth and significance in all its dimensions, including the preborn, the aged, the mentally disabled, those deemed unattractive, the physically challenged, and every other condition in which humanness is expressed from the single cell stage of development to natural death. Christians are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life. "For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made. For you formed my inward parts; You wove me together in my mother's womb. I will give thanks to You for I am fearfully and wonderfully made..." Psalm 139:13-14a.

I am in agreement with the above Statement of Faith for Recon Ministries, and agree to abide by what is outlined herein in my volunteer capacity with Sharp Pens.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

GENERAL INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____

Address: _____ City, State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

Email: _____

PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN (If Applicant is Under 18 Years of Age)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

Email: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Emergency Contact's Name: _____ Relationship to Applicant: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

REFERENCES:

Please provide 3 unrelated references (not family members) who will vouch for your character. If you wish, these references can personally email their endorsements and send them to us via email:sharppensworkshop@gmail.com. Otherwise, we will contact them using the information provided below.

Full Name: _____ Relationship to Applicant: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

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MINISTRY INFORMATION & PERSONAL BACKGROUND

- 1.) Have you personally accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, and are you committed to having the character of Christ reflected in you? Yes No

Please describe your relationship with Christ up to this point:

- 2.) Where do you attend church? _____

Since when? _____

- 3.) Do you regularly attend services? Yes No

- 4.) Have you done any volunteer work or internships in the past? Yes No

Where did you serve?

How long did you serve? _____

- 5.) What are your writing goals and dreams? How would you like to use your writing abilities in the future?

- 6.) Why would you like to join the Sharp Pens Student Leadership Team?

7.) What do you hope to gain from the experience?

8.) Do you feel God has called you to apply for this position?

9.) What are your greatest weaknesses?

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11.) If the opportunity arose, how would you prefer to serve? (Circle as many options as you like.)

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| Mentoring younger students | Publicity |
| Editing/Critiquing | Coordinating Events for Students |
| Writing newsletters, blog-posts or articles | Prayer |
| Web-design and social media | Catering |
| Photography | Graphic Design (Creating Posters, Logos & etc.) |
| Teaching | Other: _____ |

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Current Employer: _____ Position: _____

Address: _____

Supervisor: _____ Phone: () _____

PERSONAL SITUATIONS

1) Have you ever been arrested, convicted, or pleaded guilty to a crime? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

2) Have you ever been suspected, accused, charged, or alleged to have, or have you ever committed an act of neglecting, abusing, or molesting a minor? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

3) Is there any circumstance or pattern in your life that may make it inappropriate for you to work with minors? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

4) Have you ever been treated for a psychiatric disorder? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

5) If there has been alcohol, drug abuse, or physical/sexual abuse in your family background, what steps have you taken to minimize the impact that those issues will create for you, both now and in the future?

REQUEST FOR CRIMINAL BACKGROUND RECORDS CHECK AND AUTHORIZATION

I hereby request and authorize the release of any information which pertains to any record of convictions contained in law enforcement files or in criminal files maintained on me, whether local, state, federal or military. I hereby release local, state, federal or military agencies from such disclosure.

Print Name: _____

Print Maiden Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Driver's License Number: _____ SS # _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT

The information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize any references or churches listed in this application to give you any information (including opinions) they have regarding my character and fitness for work with youth. I authorize the release of information contained in this application to any ministry of Recon Ministries in which I seek a position (volunteer or compensated). In consideration of the receipt and evaluation of this application by Recon Ministries and Sharp Pens, I hereby release any individual, church, minors organization, charity, employer, reference, or any other person or organization, including records custodian, both collectively and individually, from any and all liability for damages of whatever kind or nature which may at any time result to me, my heirs, or family, on the account of compliance or any attempts to comply, with this authorization. I waive any right that I may have to inspect any information provided about me by any person or organization identified by me in this application.

Should my application be accepted, I agree to refrain from unscriptural conduct in the performance of my services on behalf of Recon Ministries and its writing division, Sharp Pens.

I further state that I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE FORGOING RELEASE AND KNOW THE CONTENTS THEREOF AND SIGN THIS RELEASE OF MY OWN FREE ACT. This is a legally binding agreement I have read and understand.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Note: When you turn in your application, please include a short, professional bio as well as one sample of your fiction writing and one non-fiction essay or article. Any or all of these can be emailed.

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