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## Volunteer Application Form

### General Information

name: \_\_\_\_\_ today's date: \_\_\_\_\_

address: \_\_\_\_\_

date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ phone cell/day: \_\_\_\_\_

occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ night: \_\_\_\_\_

employer: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

reference #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Status:  part time  full time  student

phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status:  single  married  divorced

reference #2: \_\_\_\_\_

phone# \_\_\_\_\_

#### Education

high school: \_\_\_\_\_ year graduated: \_\_\_\_\_

college / trade school: \_\_\_\_\_ year graduated: \_\_\_\_\_

degree: \_\_\_\_\_ minor: \_\_\_\_\_

other education: \_\_\_\_\_ year graduated: \_\_\_\_\_

### Personal and Spiritual History

Write briefly about significant events in your life that have impacted you spiritually.

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What do you do when you have a conflict with someone? Would you consider yourself "good" at handling confrontation?  
How do you handle confrontation?

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Are there any special issues or concerns happening in your life right now that would have an impact in your commitment and involvement in the youth outreach? (e.g. relationships, other commitments, etc.)

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## Legal and Lifestyle Concerns

In caring for students, we believe it is our responsibility to seek an adult staff that is able to provide healthy, safe, and nurturing relationships. Please answer the following questions accordingly. Any special concerns can be discussed individually with the staff.

Are you using illegal drugs?  yes  no

Have you ever gone through treatment for alcohol or drug abuse?  yes  no

If yes, please describe.

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What is your view on drinking alcohol?

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Have you ever been arrested and / or convicted of a crime?  yes  no

If yes, please describe.

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Have you ever had sexual relations with any minor after you became an adult?  yes  no

Have you ever been accused or convicted of any form of child abuse?  yes  no

If yes, please describe.

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Have you ever been a victim of any form of child abuse?  yes  no

If yes, would you like to speak to a counselor or pastor?  yes  no

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Are you willing to be finger printed for State Criminal Conviction Clearing?  yes  no

# Experience

Are you currently involved with a Church Family? No\_\_\_ Yes\_\_\_

If No, why not?

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If yes, how are you involved and with what church?

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Describe any other youth programs you have been involved with.

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What talents do you feel you have, and how would you like to use them to help Bighouse?

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Why do you want to be involved with Bighouse?

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What are some of your expectations of the Bighouse staff?

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What do you consider to be the top three things teens today are desperate for?

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A teen cusses you out, throws something across the room and begins to loudly describe all the shortcomings of you and your outreach. How do you respond?

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## Area of Involvement

### Teen Impact

This is a time when all 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to come to Bighouse and hangout. We are open Monday through Friday from 3:00pm-6:00pm. All activities are absolutely free. We offer pool, ping pong, internet access, football, foosball, video games, food, and a relaxed hang out area. But most importantly, this is a time when the leaders have an opportunity to build relationships with the teenagers. And we as leaders realize it takes an enormous amount of quantity time before we can have any significant quality time. Through this relationship building, we are able to informally assess each teenager and learn where and how to plug them into a more specific and smaller group mentoring setting at Bighouse.

#### check all that apply

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Front Desk (greet students sign them in)     | <input type="checkbox"/> Snack Area (prepare provided snack)                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boulderling wall (invite and instruct teens) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pool/Ping Pong (invite teens to play)                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wii/Xbox (over see use, fix problems)        | <input type="checkbox"/> Roamer/Mingle (over see and involve yourself with teens) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Janitorial                                   |   |

### Girl's Night

Girls Night is an all girls mentoring program. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month from 6-8pm at the Bighouse. It is open to any 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> girl. We eat dinner together and during this time we continue to build upon the relationships that were started at Teen Impact. During the second hour, discussions are lead by volunteer women leaders with the goal in mind to develop these teenage girls into young women who will impact their world for good. We are teaching them to set boundaries in their lives, especially sexual boundaries since the opposite sex is first and foremost on their minds at this age. We are teaching them to set goals and equipping them with ideas on how to attain them. Relationships, wise choices, anger, school work, actions/consequences, love, truth, obedience, discipline are all words that are continually heard in conversation as we mentor these girls through these difficult years of adolescence. But most importantly, we show them love and tell them they are precious and are of tremendous value when the world is telling them otherwise.

#### check all that apply

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Small group leader     | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare fun activity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drive girls to outings | <input type="checkbox"/> Lead mentoring night |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare meal           |   |

### Guy's Night

This is our young men mentoring program meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month. They may stay at Bighouse or go to the rock climbing gym, mountain biking, road biking, to the movies, bowling play dodgeball or basketball ect. Many of these teens do not have a strong father figure in their lives and some need a role model beyond just their parent. The leaders are giving direction to these young men as they continue to mature.

The leaders are equipping these young men to achieve these goals: by teaching them how to have self-discipline in all areas of their lives; by not only teaching them but showing them what a man of integrity looks like; and challenging them to be "heroes" as they develop physical, emotional, and mental courage.

#### check all that apply

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Small group leader    | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare fun activity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drive guys to outings | <input type="checkbox"/> Lead mentoring night |

### Streets to Trails

We have had several bikes donated to Bighouse. Mountain and road biking is a great way to get away from the norm and let the teenagers get all their energy out on the trail. Cycling forces you to be concentrated, make quick decisions, to not only think about now but also plan for obstacles farther down the trail. And it definitely reinforces the idea of there are either good or bad consequences to every action you make. There is more to Streets to Trails than the thrill of the ride. The teenagers also help maintain the bikes and the trail. And being out on the trail allows us to teach them about taking good care of the environment so that the next generation can also enjoy what we have today.

#### check all that apply

- Take guys/girls on rides
- Share life stories that will encourage teens
- Teach fundamentals/maintenance of biking

## Skateboarding

Many teenage boys and some girls love to skateboard. And those that don't, love to watch those who do. Bighouse drew a large number of teens to our skate ramps when we first opened. Hours of conversations took place as we watched the skaters. Unfortunately, due to liability issues with the building owner, the skate ramps have been closed. Immediately upon the closing of the ramps, our attendance dropped but has since been on the increase as teenagers realize Bighouse is a cool place to hang out even without skateboarding. Prairie Grove now has a city skate park. We would love to have volunteers hang out their often to build relationships with teens.

### check all that apply

- Take guys/girls skating
- Share life stories that will encourage teens
- Teach fundamentals of skating

## Community Service

We offer help to teens who are in trouble through the Juvenile Detention Center. Many times we visit them in the JDC. We provide support for their families during their court cases and if community service is their sentence, we always have work for them at Bighouse. These teens need A LOT of love and that is exactly what we give them.

### check all that apply

- Visit Bighouse guys/girls at JDC
- Over see community service hours
- Share life stories that will encourage teens
- Direct teens in work to be done show them the correct way to perform task

## 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 that they may have regarding my character and fitness for youth work. I release all such references from any liability for furnishing such evaluations to you, provided they do so in good faith and without malice. I waive any right that I may have to inspect references provided on my behalf. Should my application be accepted, I agree to be bound by the bylaws and policies of Bighouse Youth Outreach, Inc.. IF any allegation on any form of child abuse is made, I agree to withdraw from active involvement in the youth program until the issue is resolved. I give Bighouse permission to conduct a background investigation of me prior to, or at any time during my time as a youth worker at Bighouse. This check may be conducted by Local, State or Federal agencies which are duly authorized to conduct such investigations. I hereby request any such agencies to release any information which pertains to any record of conviction contained in its files or in any criminal file maintained on me whether local, state, or national. I hereby release said agencies from any and all liability resulting from such disclosure.

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

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Print Maiden Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Print all aliases \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* Upon the completion of this application, please return it to Bighouse Youth Outreach, Inc.:**

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Approved for ministry (Date \_\_\_\_\_)

Not Approved for ministry (Date \_\_\_\_\_)

Comments/Notes \_\_\_\_\_

# Volunteer Staff Commitment Sheet

## Bighthouse Youth Outreach, Inc. *Staff Commitments*

After observation of the outreach, I have spent time in prayer, and discussing with my family the commitment involved with being on volunteer staff, I choose to commit to the following:

I commit to be dedicated mentally and emotionally to the teens at Bighthouse while in their presence. *(my personal stress (finances, relationships, etc..) will not distract me while I am at Bighthouse)*

I am committed to be a positive role model in attitude and spirit to show all teens love, compassion and excitement for life. *(They are constantly exposed to negative attitudes; Bighthouse desires to be a positive)*

I commit to being non- judgmental of teens by appearance or attitude knowing that all teens that come to Bighthouse have a clean slate and will only be judged by their actions at Bighthouse. *(We do not listen to outside rumors about teens)*

I am committed to choices and a lifestyle that are moral, knowing that my lifestyle is a model for the students.

I will attend staff meetings, if needed.

I understand the philosophy of this youth outreach and agree with its purpose and commit to demonstrate Compassion, Honor, Respect, Integrity, Service, Teachability through building positive relationships with teens.

Because I am making a significant commitment and my presence is important, I agree to be consistent and timely to the program(s) I commit myself to. I also agree to communicate first, with Bighthouse staff and Board about any concerns I have.

I am making a commitment to be available:

Mon.  Tues.  Thurs.  Fri  3:00-6:00  3:00-4:30  4:30-6:00

Weekly  Twice a week  Monthly  Twice a month

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

\*If Prairie Grove schools close we also are closed.