



2026 Background Check Form

Email a copy to holdenmyw17@gmail.com at the time of registration.
(NOT the results of your background check - just this form stating you have completed the checks - more in FAQ)

To promote a safe environment for the communities that we serve, each organization needs to conduct a **state or national**, also known as **"multi-state" criminal background check** on all adult(s) 18 years and older who are attending the Holden May Youth Weekend (MYW) - **including students who have turned 18 at the time of the event.**

Organization Name: _____

Organization Address: _____

Organization Phone: (_____) _____

Please print the name of *each* adult(including you if attending).

I, _____ (leader's name) acknowledge that

_____ (church/organization's name) has conducted a state or national criminal background check on all adults who are attending the MYW. All adults have been approved to work with minors. We agree to indemnify and hold harmless May Youth Weekend and its affiliates including the Northwest Washington Synod, Lutherwood Camp and Retreat Center, and its organizers from any liability created by any action of an adult being sent by _____ (church/organization's name).

TWO separate signatures are **REQUIRED**.

1. _____
Leader's Signature Date

2. _____
Pastor (other than, and not related to, the Leader) Date
(Back-up: Church Executive Committee, Parish Administrator, etc.)

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Frequently Asked Questions

Why do I need to get background checks on my adult(s)?

We are asking for background checks to be completed on each adult(s) (including you) to promote a safe environment for ALL participants and for the communities that we serve. Knowing that all adult(s) are getting a background check will give peace of mind to other groups that will be participating with you and for our community friends. It will also fulfill requirements from ministry partners that want background checks completed on adult leaders that will be volunteering at their organizations.

Please be aware that all student(s) over the age of 18 must complete a background check as well since they are legally held to an adult standard. When you acquire their consent to run a background check it's a great chance to remind youth participants that they're held to a different legal standard than their peers in the eyes of the law.

Where should I go to get a background check done?

Your church may already use a company to run background checks on employees and volunteers. If they do not, we suggest checking with your synod office or churches in your area to see if they recommend a company. Here are some vendors that you can explore as well:

- Praesidium

www.praesidiuminc.com/

800.743.6354

- ChurchStaffing.com

www.churchstaffing.com/Store/BackgroundCheck.aspx

- Safe Church

www.safechurch.com/Pages/Default.aspx

800.747.2154

Please note: Fingerprinting need not be included as part of the background check. We require that a state or national criminal background check be completed, not a county check.

I have a background check on file for my leaders. Do I need to run a new one?

As long as the check was completed within the last year by your organization, there is no need to run a new background check.

My volunteer works at a school and has a background check on file there. Do I need to run one?

Yes. We want the people who will approve the adult leaders to work with youth and children to see the results from the background check before allowing them to attend the event.

What do I do with the results?

We have not set parameters on who can or cannot attend the event. We are entrusting you and your church leadership with the responsibility to give adult leaders approval to work with youth and children. Please do not send us the results of the background check. Keep the results for your files.