



Youth & Children's/Next Gen Associate Application

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Thank you for your interest in the Youth & Children's /Next Gen Associate position at Topeka First Church of the Nazarene. This application is designed to help us get to know you—your story, your heart for ministry, and your sense of calling. There are no “perfect” answers. We value honesty, clarity, and authenticity.

NOTE: Unless you have an advanced or subscription version of Adobe Acrobat or similar PDF reader, the space for your responses will be limited, and additional pages will be necessary for lengthy answers. If this case is so for you, **DO NOT WORRY!** We are more interested in what you share rather than how it is formatted and how many extra pages you may have.

SECTION 1: Basic Information

1. Full Name:

2. Preferred Name (if different):

3. Email Address:

4. Phone Number:

5. Current City & State:

6. Current Church Assignment:

Church Name & City:

Position:

How long in this position?

Lead Pastor or Supervisor:

Why are you seeking a transition from this position?

7. Ministerial or Other Degree:

8. Ministerial Licensure or Ordination:

SECTION 2: Availability & Logistics

9. Are you seeking a full-time, salaried position (40 hours/week)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unsure/Would like to discuss

10. If offered the position, when would you be available to begin this role?

11. Are you able & willing to work evenings & weekends as required for youth & children's ministry?

☐ Yes

☐ Mostly

☐ Limited availability

12. Are you comfortable driving a 15-passenger church van and attending off-site events (quizzing, district events, summer camps, etc.)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Depends / Would like to discuss

SECTION 3: Faith, Calling & Spiritual Leadership

If you print this form and need an additional page, title that page, "Faith, Calling & Spiritual Leadership".

If you type your responses below, expand the space as you type.

In either case, feel free to provide your responses within the context of a single "answer".

13. Briefly share about your relationship with Jesus and how your faith shapes your life and ministry.

14. What draws you to ministry with children and students?

15. How do you help/envision helping kids/students take meaningful steps in following Jesus?

SECTION 4: Ministry Experience

If you print this form and need an additional page, title that page, "Ministry Experience".

If you type your responses below, expand the space as you type.

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16. Give a brief picture of your experience (paid or volunteer) in youth, children's, or related ministry roles (assistant and/or leader).

17. Number these groups from 1 to 6 as to the level of experience you have with them; "1" will be the group with which you have the most experience.

___ Preschool

___ High School

___ Elementary

___ Parents / Families

___ Middle School

___ Volunteers

18. What do you enjoy most about working with kids and/or students?

SECTION 5: Vision

If you print this form and need an additional page, title that page, "Vision".

If you type your responses below, expand the space as you type.

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19. This role combines children's and youth ministry. What excites you about serving in a combined Next Gen role?

20. What does a healthy and growing children's or youth ministry look like to you?

21. Our church values outreach and is located near Topeka High, Robinson Middle, and Lowman Hill Elementary Schools. How do you feel about establishing relationships with local schools, students, and families with goals of reaching them through local ministries?

SECTION 7: Skills & Additional Contributions

22. Do you have experience with any of the following? (Check all that apply)

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| ☐ Recruiting and training volunteers | ☐ Website maintenance |
| ☐ Teaching or preaching | ☐ Creating print or digital communication |
| ☐ Event planning | ☐ Administrative organization |
| ☐ Social media management | |

23. Are you interested in the additional administrative/digital responsibilities that come with the additional \$3,000 compensation?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Possibly/Would like more information

SECTION 8: Final Thoughts

If you print this form, use an additional page and title that page, "Final Thoughts".

If you type your responses below, expand the space as you type.

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24. What inspired your interest in this position?

25. What questions do you have about our church, this role, or the next steps in the process?

26. Is there anything else you would like us to know about you or your sense of calling into this role?
