

Shoreline Unitarian Universalist Society
VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FOR POSITION
& BACKGROUND VERIFICATION RELEASE FORM

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle _____

Maiden or other names used: _____

Address _____ City, State and Zip Code _____

Date of Birth _____ Soc. Sec No. _____

Do you have a valid driver's license? Yes _____ No _____ Lic.No. _____ State: _____
Identity must be confirmed with a driver's license or photo ID.
Please attach a copy of your current driver's license or photo ID.

Are you 18 years of age or older? Yes _____ No _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ email: _____

Have you volunteered with children and youth at SUUS before? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, when and in what capacity? _____

Please indicate the type of youth or children's work you prefer _____

List any non-church work involving youth, and duties performed:

List any gifts, callings, training, education, or other factors including professional license or certification that have prepared you for children or youth work.

We perform a criminal background check on all SUUS volunteers who work with children and youth. Please answer the following questions, providing details for any "yes" answers, and consent to this background check where indicated below. Please note that a "yes" answer does not necessarily disqualify you from working with our children and youth.

1. Have you ever been convicted, on probation for, or plead guilty to a crime (excluding minor traffic violations)?
No () Yes () If yes, please provide details:

2. Have you ever been convicted of, on probation for, or plead guilty to any crime against a person, including rape, incest, sexual exploitation of a minor, or sexual or physical assault of a minor?

No () Yes () If yes, please provide details:

3. Have you ever been reported to a state agency for domestic violence, elder abuse or child abuse, that resulted in probation or conviction?

No () Yes () If yes, please provide details:

4. As of this date, do you have any pending criminal charges against you?

No () Yes () If yes, please provide details:

5. Other than the above, is there any fact or circumstance involving you or your background that would call into question you being entrusted with the supervision, guidance and care of children and youth?

No () Yes () If yes, please provide details:

I authorize the Shoreline Unitarian Universalist Society (SUUS) and its agents to request and receive any and all background information about or concerning me, including, but not limited to, my criminal history and driving record. I understand that the criminal history may contain information presumed to be expunged. I further understand that this information will be available only to those representatives of SUUS responsible for screening, or to others as required by law, and that any documents related to my background information will be stored confidentially at SUUS in a locked container until they are destroyed.

I understand that this information will be used to determine, in part, my eligibility for working with children and youth at SUUS, and that as long as I continue such work the background search may be repeated at any time.

I agree to notify the SUUS Director of Religious Education or Minister within seven days of any ticket, citation or arrest for driving under the influence, or an arrest for any crime.

I release SUUS and its agents (including the trustees, minister, employees and volunteers thereof) from any and all liabilities, claims or law suits in regards to the background information received.

I attest that the above information on this Application is correct.

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____

Applicant's Printed Name _____

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CODE OF ETHICS FOR WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Adults and older youth who are in leadership roles are in a position of stewardship, and play a key role in fostering the spiritual development of both individuals and community.

The relationship between young people and their leaders must be one of mutual respect if the positive potential of their relationship is to be realized. There are no more important areas of growth than those of self-worth and the development of a healthy identity as a sexual being. Adults play a key role in assisting children and youth in these areas of growth. Children, youth and adults suffer damaging effects when leaders become sexually involved with young persons in their care.

Leaders must be careful to protect the children and youth they work with and to protect themselves and their church. Therefore, leaders will refrain from engaging in sexual, seductive or erotic behavior with children and youth. Neither shall they harass nor engage in behavior with children and youth which constitutes verbal, emotional, or physical abuse.

Leaders will refrain from being under the influence of illegal drugs, alcohol, or any other drug which would impair their judgment or ability to function effectively in a leadership role with children or youth.

Leaders will be informed of this Code of Ethics and agree to it before assuming their roles. In cases of any violation of this code, appropriate action will be taken.

I hereby agree to abide by this Code of Ethics and the bylaws and policies of the Shoreline Unitarian Universalist Society.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Note: This Code of Ethics has been adapted from the Code of Ethics for Persons Working with Children & Youth of the UUA-sponsored Programs and Events, adopted by the UUA in 1986.