

Intern Application

Dear Potential Intern,

WE ARE THRILLED THAT YOU MAY BE A SIGNIFICANT PART OF OUR STUDENT MINISTRY!

We're looking for men and women who have a deep commitment to Christ and who love spending time with students. Please take time to read the following material and fill out the application with prayer and consideration. Because we place great value on this ministry, we also place great value on the health of our team.

Healthy youth ministry is built on healthy relationships between adult staff and students. Relationships are key to students' feeling loved and understanding God's love in practical ways. This is when real spiritual growth takes place in a student's life.

This is an opportunity for you to allow your time to make eternal investments in students' lives! We're looking forward to spending some time discussing with you your hopes and desires for ministry. If you have any questions, please feel free to give us a call at 235-0496, or email us at ksheehan@firstpresgreenville.org or robbiek@firstpresgreenville.org.

Excited to minister with you,

Kevin Sheehan
Director of Junior High Student Ministry

Robbie Kropiwnicki
Director of Senior High Student Ministry

First Pres Student Ministries

What is our purpose?

To help establish the roots for a lifetime of discipleship. Our desire is to give students a chance to learn the basics of the faith based upon the Word of God.

Our Core Values

1. **Fellowship:** a group of believers gathered together to build each other up.
2. **Worship:** to show honor and respect to God.
3. **Prayer:** communication with God.
4. **Discipleship:** a life of following and obeying God.
5. **Ministry:** using one's gifts to serve others and to glorify God.
6. **Evangelism:** to share the good news of Christ.

How To Become an Intern: The Application Process

1. Prayerfully Consider Your Commitment

We want you to take time to pray and think through this commitment as well as seek counsel of family and/or friends about your commitment.

2. Complete This Application Packet

This application packet was developed with care in order to obtain appropriate information to be used in the selection process. One reference needs to be completed. You can choose a 1) pastor, 2) close friend, or 3) an employer within the past year.

3. Return Signed Commitment Sheet

Once you've decided you want to make a commitment, you'll sign a commitment contract that lays out agreements and expectations for ministry. We will then meet with you to discuss further details.

4. Begin Ministry

Your starting date will vary depending on your college schedule.

What Students Need

Students don't connect to programs; they connect with people.

Common misconceptions about youth leaders are...

- ❖ Adult youth leaders must be young
- ❖ Must be captivating communicators
- ❖ Must know everything about the latest youth culture
- ❖ Must be wild, crazy and dynamic

The truth? Students need leaders who will...

- ❖ Love God and live for Him
- ❖ Be interested in their lives
- ❖ Pray for them and with them
- ❖ Laugh and have a good time
- ❖ Remember their names
- ❖ Share God's love through personal experience
- ❖ Show them what it looks like to be a disciple of Christ.

You need to be growing. You can't help students grow unless you are growing yourself. It is a heavy responsibility, but vital, that you pursue a relationship with God so that you have much to pour into our students. As you also grow in your ability to minister, you will develop a stronger and stronger sense of your purpose in the life of our students.

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General Information

name: _____
address: _____
date of birth: _____ phone day: _____
occupation: _____ night: _____
employer: _____
Work Status: part time full time student
Marital Status: single married divorced

Education

high school: _____ year graduated: _____
college / trade school: _____ year graduated: _____
degree: _____ minor: _____
other education: _____ year graduated: _____

Legal and Lifestyle Concerns

We believe it is our responsibility to establish an adult leadership team that is able to provide healthy, safe, and nurturing relationships. Please answer the following questions accordingly.

Are you using illegal drugs? yes no
Have you ever gone through treatment for alcohol or drug abuse? yes no
If yes, please describe. _____
What is your view on drinking alcohol?
Have you ever been arrested and / or convicted of a crime? yes no
If yes, please describe. _____
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. _____
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
Are you willing to be finger printed for State Criminal Conviction Clearing? yes no

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Commitment Sheet

After time I have spent in prayer, and discussing with my family the commitment involved with being an intern with First Presbyterian Church, I choose to commit to the following:

- I am committed towards growing in my relationship with God through quiet times and active attendance at church.
- I am committed to a lifestyle that is both Godly and "above reproach," knowing that my lifestyle is a model for the students.
- I understand the philosophy of this youth ministry and agree with its purpose. I commit to shepherding students that God brings into my life.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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