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Volunteer Team Member Application
Tennessee Baptist Convention Disaster Relief
“Making Christ Known by Serving”



The Tennessee Baptist Convention acting through the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention (hereinafter referred to as the “TBC”) is committed to the ministry of volunteers through Disaster Relief efforts. The nature of Disaster Relief Ministry necessitates being able to move properly trained and appropriately screened volunteers to a disaster site and have them working within a minimum amount of time. Therefore, it is vital that the TBC collect and maintain accurate and complete information on volunteers wanting to participate in Disaster Relief efforts. This application is the first step in that process. Once completed, this application along with other training reports, screening reports, references and other documents that may be received related to specific volunteers will be maintained by the Disaster Relief office. An individual may make a request to the Tennessee Disaster Relief Coordinator to review his or her file.

Complete all applicable lines.

Full Name (as it appears on your driver's license) _____

Preferred Name (for badge purposes) _____

Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ **(MUST BE 18 YEARS OLD)**

Day Phone (____) _____ Evening Phone (____) _____

Cell Phone (____) _____

E-mail Address _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Church Membership _____

Church City _____ Association _____

(MUST BE A MEMBER OF A COOPERATING TENNESSEE BAPTIST CHURCH)

Driver's License # (Required) TN _____ Last 4 Social Security Number's _____

EMERGENCY MEDICAL INFORMATION:	
Name _____	Relationship to you: _____
Phone #1 (____) _____	Phone #2 (____) _____
E-mail Address _____	
Person to be contacted in case of medical emergency (not living with you):	
Name _____	Relationship to you: _____
Phone #1: (____) _____	Phone #2: (____) _____
E-mail Address _____	

Professional skills: Nurse Physician Legal Business/Financial Other:

Specific skills that I have: _____

Current Passport? Yes No Exp. Date: _____ Available for overseas assignments? Yes No

Current Employment: Actively Employed Self-employed Retired Other _____

Experience in this type of ministry: _____

Answer all questions.

Do you have any physical or mental health condition(s) or impairments(s) that could limit you from satisfactorily performing the volunteer work that might reasonably be expected of you? Yes No (If "yes" please explain and indicate what type of accommodations might be made to enable you to perform the ministry.) _____

Please read the following information very carefully. It is extremely important for you to understand the responsibilities and lifestyle expected of a Disaster Relief volunteer.

Lifestyle Considerations

The unique and special nature of the TBC requires all volunteers associated with the TBC to manifest conduct and actions, which project an image consistent with the expressed purpose and mission of the TBC. The TBC is comprised of member Tennessee Baptist churches, which regard the TBC as an organization of influence based upon the values of trust and respect. It is, therefore, imperative that volunteers associated with the TBC favorably represent TBC.

Conduct that brings embarrassment to the TBC or impedes the TBC's credibility with member churches and/or the general public is unacceptable. Conduct or other actions, which are inconsistent with that normally expected of Tennessee Baptists and other Christians, is unacceptable. Therefore, conduct or other actions, which are perceived as inconsistent with the beliefs, faith and mission of Tennessee Baptists, are unacceptable. Examples of such conduct are involvement with alcohol, illegal drugs, pre-marital sex or extramarital sex, cohabitation apart from the marriage relationship, homosexuality and outside interests and pursuits which would normally be considered incompatible with the mission of the TBC.

The TBC has not only the right, but also the responsibility to do everything possible to insure that the stated purpose and mission of the TBC continues in the highest tradition and are not harmed or impeded by unacceptable behavior on the part of volunteers associated with the TBC.

Consistent with this purpose, the TBC's policy is to insure that all applicant and volunteer behavior meets the TBC's standards of acceptable conduct. As a part of this policy, an individual's current, past and future conducts are reviewed. Therefore, please respond accordingly to the inquiry below. A "yes" answer may not automatically disqualify you from further consideration as a volunteer, as each individual's circumstances are reviewed.

Do you have, or have you had, any lifestyle, conduct, or activity that would project an image which could embarrass the TBC or impede the TBC's credibility with member churches and/or the general public as referred to above?

YES NO If "yes," please explain:

Do you currently use any of the following?

- A. Alcohol YES NO
- B. Tobacco Products YES NO
- C. Illegal Drugs YES NO

If you answered "Yes" to question "A and B", would you be willing to forgo your personal use of these items during your time of volunteer service? YES NO

(Have you completed all 4 pages?)

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony? YES NO
If so, what year? _____ (If "yes" please explain.) _____

Have you ever been convicted of child abuse or a crime involving actual or attempted sexual molestation of a minor or contributing to the delinquency of a minor? YES NO
If so, what year? _____ (If "yes" please explain.) _____

Are you currently under any investigation or pending charge? Yes No
If so, what year? _____ (If "yes" please explain.) _____

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD, AND AGREE TO FULFILL THE LIFESTYLE REQUIRED OF A DISASTER RELIEF VOLUNTEER. Initials: _____

A Disaster Relief Volunteer's Responsibility

As a volunteer member of the Tennessee Baptist Convention Disaster Relief team, I agree that, as my availability and ability allow, I am expected to:

1. Keep current my (1) address and phone number, (2) availability status, (3) skills and abilities.
2. Complete the required training and renew required training a minimum of every three years; take optional training, which will increase my usefulness as a team member.
3. Take responsibility for my spiritual and mental preparation as a Disaster Relief volunteer, as well as my work skills needed at the disaster site.
4. Represent my Lord and Savior, church, fellow Christians and team as Christ would want, in my attitude, behavior, speech, dress and work.
5. Wear official disaster relief apparel and display the SBC Disaster Relief logo only as prescribed and only while engaging in a relief event as authorized by the Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief.
6. Protect my health and safety and the health and safety of victims, co-workers and all other persons while en route to or from and while at the disaster site; inform on-site team leaders of any physical limitations to be considered in my work assignments.
7. Inform my team leader of my availability for a disaster response.
8. Take initiative in order to improve my usefulness; increase my availability by making adjustments in my other responsibilities in order to serve as a disaster relief volunteer.
9. Pay my own expenses, arrange my own transportation and bring clothing, bedding and personal items I'll need at the disaster site.
10. Purchase necessary accident and/or liability insurance and provide medical insurance and health information to appropriate persons at the disaster site.
11. Assist with unit preparation, training events and non-emergency use of the unit, as my availability and ability allow.
12. Authorize background checks and screenings, as required, and pay a credentialing and training fee every three years in order to remain active.

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD, AND AGREE TO FULFILL THE RESPONSIBILITIES REQUIRED OF A DISASTER RELIEF VOLUNTEER. Initials: _____

Release and Indemnification

By my initials and signature placed below, I do hereby represent and acknowledge that I am entering upon a missionary venture with others, and that as a volunteer am paying my own expenses, including insurance, for the purpose of helping in times of disaster for the glory of God and to demonstrate my faith in Christ; that the work may at times be hazardous and somewhat arduous and will be performed by concerned volunteers and other personnel trained in disaster work; that vehicles transporting said volunteers will be operated by volunteers, who may or may not be professional drivers.

I recognize and acknowledge potential accidents at the disaster site, involving motor vehicles, in or about the living, sleeping and eating areas, or during activities of the disaster relief team; am fully aware of possible injuries to members of the disaster relief team, including myself.

Therefore, I desire to protect, release, acquit, indemnify, and hold all other persons on the disaster relief team with me, those who notified, selected or assigned me to the said team, the state disaster relief director or department, the Southern Baptist Convention, the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Tennessee Baptist Convention, their employees and representatives, successors or assigns, harmless from any and all claims, causes of action, injuries, damages, losses, expenses or attorney fees incurred or suffered en-route to or from the site or participation with the team or in the activity and whether directly or indirectly related to my acts of commission or omission, those of others or otherwise.

For and on behalf of myself, my heirs, administrators, executors, assigns and all other persons, firms or corporations, I do hereby release and discharge from liability all other persons on the disaster relief team with me, those who notified, selected or assigned me to the said team, the state disaster relief director or department, the Southern Baptist Convention, the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Tennessee Baptist Convention, their employees and representatives, successors or assigns, from any claims, demands, damages, actions, causes of actions which I, the undersigned, have or may hereafter, and on account of, or any way growing out of injuries or damages both to persons or property resulting or that may hereafter result from the voluntary venture.

THIS WAIVER, RELEASE, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT IS FULLY UNDERSTOOD BY ME AND I ENTER THE SAME WILLINGLY FOR THE PURPOSES HEREIN ABOVE STATED. Initials _____

Affirmation

- By my signature placed below, I **understand** and agree that my name and picture may be utilized in the promotion of the ministries of the TBC, specifically the Disaster Relief Ministry. I authorize the use of same for all such uses via any mode of publication.
- I **understand** that I am expected to have insurance in case of accident, injury or illness and that no insurance coverage is provided to volunteers by the TBC. Furthermore that personal liability is the responsibility of the volunteer.
- I **affirm** that the information provided in this volunteer application is true and complete. I understand that if I am accepted for volunteer service, any false information or omissions will affect my continued eligibility for consideration, service and/or participation without any obligation or liability whatsoever. I agree to immediately notify the TBC if I should be convicted of or charged with a felony, or any crime involving dishonesty or a breach of trust, or any change or occurrence that alters any of the information contained within the application while my volunteer application is pending or after my application has been approved.
- I **authorize** the investigation of all statements contained in this application.
- I **authorize** any person, school, current employer, past employer(s) and organizations who might know of my qualifications for volunteer service to provide the TBC with relevant information and opinion that may be useful to the TBC in making a decision, and I release such persons and organizations from any legal liability in making such statements.
- I **certify** that I am of legal age (at least 18 years of age) and am a member of a Cooperating Tennessee Baptist Church.

(Must have signature to qualify as a DR volunteer)



SIGNATURE

DATE