



## PRE-APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY AGREEMENT

Complete, sign, email or fax these documents to the appropriate Intake Coordinator. These pages must be received before we can review your on-line application or interview you.

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## Program, Legal and Financial Requirements

- Age 18 years to age 50
- Substance abuse problem or a life controlling addiction
- Faith-based approach, commitment of 12 months
- Share room with people of difference races and backgrounds
- No contact with non-family members while in the program (no boy/girlfriends, no fiances), we do not honor common-law marriages
- Must have photo ID and a Social Security Card or proof that you have applied for the card
- Must resolve legal matters and receive approval from the court/probation to enter program
- Must submit to random drug testing while in the program
- We are a non-tobacco facility
- Physical exam and lab work required (TB test within 30 days)
- No physical limitations that would limit you from participating in program activities
- Dental work performed before enrollment if you suspect issues will arise
- Cannot be on psychiatric medications, antidepressants, mood stabilizers
- Cannot be TB or HIV positive or pregnant
- Cannot accept those that have been convicted a sexual crime (we are located next to school)
- \$850 Intake Fee (paid on day of intake), \$300 monthly tuition fee, \$20-\$50 for personal account

## Release of Information Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby give Teen Challenge of the Mid-South and the following people and entities permission to share and communicate personal information concerning me for the purposes of determining eligibility for and or facilitating entry into the Teen Challenge residential program located in Chattanooga, Tennessee. This release shall also extend to the development and revision of my treatment plan while enrolled in the program as well as making the transition back to normal life after the program. Dated \_\_\_\_\_.

### Name, Title, Relationship, Phone Number

Lawyer: \_\_\_\_\_

Probation Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Medical, Dental, Drug/Alcohol Withdrawal Policies

Students enrolled in our program WILL NOT have access to a dentist or doctor for 8-9 months except for emergencies or while on pass. In the event of an emergency, the student's family will be responsible for any medical costs. If a student in the program requires on-going medical or dental treatment that cannot be taken care of while on pass, they will be required to take a leave of absence.

Due to the fact that some withdrawal symptoms are unpleasant and some can be FATAL, severe alcoholics and those taking certain medications require a physician's statement that you have gone through a "detox" process or that you have been weaned off the medication under their supervision. If you enter the program but are not able to participate due to drug or alcohol withdrawal for more than 1-2 days, you will be required to take a leave of absence and go through a medically supervised detox. To return to the program you would need to provide us with medical verification that you have done so.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and understand the above policies.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_.

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# General Program Rules Agreement

## Christian Growth Center:

- I understand that Teen Challenge is a Christian Growth Center and I agree to be subject to Biblical teaching and Christian forms of behavior.
- I agree to assume personal responsibility for my own attitude and behavior at all times. I understand that what program authority calls incorrect behavior and a bad attitude will be confronted and may be disciplined if necessary.

## Personal:

- I will not possess or use drugs at any time, including psychiatric medication.
- I will not use tobacco or nicotine in any form or have cigarettes in my possession.
- I will not curse or use off-color expressions or bodily gestures.
- I will not talk about street life, drugs, or reminisce about past wrong doings.
- I will not horseplay or engage in any other inappropriate body contact.
- I will not become part of a clique.
- I will not call other people names.
- I will not go outside of the house without staff permission.
- I will not grow a beard (men) while in the program.
- I will not sing, whistle, or hum secular songs while in the program.
- I will not attempt to write, call or make contact with my boy/girlfriend.

## Family:

- I will agree to the staff screening and perhaps reading my mail.
- I agree to write only members of my immediate family.
- I agree to make (or receive) only two phone calls per week, after a 14-day waiting period.

## Group:

- I agree to participate in all scheduled activities including class, chapel, church, work, and recreation. I will do what I'm required to do in each of these activities.
- I agree to conduct myself in a Christ-like manner and will not do anything in public that will call attention to myself or reflect badly upon the whole group.
- I understand the length of the Teen Challenge Program is a minimum of 12 months and commit to complete the entire Teen Challenge Program.

**Discipline:**

- I understand that I'm expected to be prepared, in place, and on time for all my scheduled activities 24 hours a day. I also understand that any tardiness, unpreparedness, and other forms of carelessness will result in disciplinary action.
- I understand that my room must be kept in a neat and orderly manner at all times. I agree to work together with my roommates to keep it clean and in shape for inspection.
- I understand there will be a dress code.
- I understand there will be a grooming code: shave before breakfast (men), hair combed (also before breakfast and throughout the day), shower once a day, etc.
- I understand that disciplinary action may include: extra duty, loss of privileges, loss of merits, suspension, or dismissal. At Teen Challenge we operate under a merit system. The consequence of discipline is often loss of merits, which can lead to dismissal if you reach 0.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read these Rules and my signature indicates that I have a good understanding of them and that I'm willing to commit myself to them and to the more detailed Handbook agreements I will receive upon Intake.

Also, if applicable, this is confirmation that the needs of my spouse and children are being provided for while I am enrolled.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_.

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## Student Agreement

- I will dedicate myself to the discipleship program until it is recognized by the TC staff that I qualify for completion. I realize this is only possible by submitting to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and that I cannot do this in my own strength.
- I release to Teen Challenge the right to search, read, and withhold my mail in the manner explained in the rules.
- I release the right to Teen Challenge to do a room search and/or drug screen without warning. (Note: This is not done routinely, but only at times of definite cause.)
- I release the right to Teen Challenge to make a thorough search of my person and belongings on the day of my admission.
- I understand that withdrawal from drugs, alcohol, and cigarettes will be done "cold turkey" aided only by prayer. If this is not agreeable, withdrawal should be done prior to entrance.
- I understand that Teen Challenge will not be held responsible for any of my personal property left, lost, or stolen while I am in the Teen Challenge program. When leaving Teen Challenge, I understand that all my personal property must be taken with me.
- I release Teen Challenge from all financial or legal responsibilities in case of accident, injury, illness, or other misfortune.
- I understand that I will not receive payment for the work I do while in the Teen Challenge program. I also understand that the purpose of this work is to aid in my character development.
- I release the right to Teen Challenge to withhold any of my belongings that they deem necessary. Any items not specifically listed under "Forbidden Items" in the rules will be held for me until my departure.
  
- I agree to submit to the authority of all staff members.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read the general program rules and consent to abide by all of them, whether I agree with them or not. Dated \_\_\_\_\_.

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## Statement of Faith

- We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.
- We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- We believe in the deity and humanity of Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of God the Father, in His present rule as Head of the Church and in His personal return in power and glory.
- We believe in the blessed hope - the rapture of the Church at Christ's coming.
- We Believe the biblical order for human sexual expression as being between one man and one woman who have committed to a lifelong marriage covenant (Gen 2:24, Matt. 19:5). Any expression of human sexuality outside of the marriage covenant between one man and one woman is sin (Ex. 20:14; Lev 18:22-23, 20:13; Matt 15:19). God wants us to avoid sexual immorality and live holy and honorable lives of faithfulness.
- We believe that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ.
- We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful men/women, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
- We believe in the present-day ministry of the Holy Spirit, by Whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
- We believe the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body in answer to believing prayer.
- We believe the baptism in the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, is given to the believers who ask for it.
- We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost – they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
- We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ, with equality across racial, gender and class differences.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and understand Teen Challenge of the Mid-South's Statement of Faith.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

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## Philosophy of Ministry to the LGBTQ Community

As a faith-based ministry, Teen Challenge Mid-South seeks to facilitate an environment that will encourage healing and a new life in relationship with Jesus Christ. Instruction in basic Bible teaching is foundational to our daily routine. The environment that is created helps give our students the tools they need to establish that relationship with God which brings life change.

Teen Challenge has achieved phenomenal success through the years because we understand that sinful attitudes produce sinful behavior. A person's attitude toward himself has a profound influence on his view of God, his family, his friends and his future. Attitude is a vital component in understanding that God's basic purpose in creating us so that we can have fellowship with Him. This relationship is only possible through Jesus Christ who died in our place so that our sins could be forgiven. Once that relationship is restored, we can begin to experience the full potential God intended for this life through the bodies He gave us (Eph. 2:10; John 17:3; John 10:10).

Satan's oldest method of undermining our relationship to God is to create doubt regarding our confidence in God's character. He portrays God as deceptive and unwilling to allow us to pursue that which will bring us our greatest fulfillment and happiness (Gen. 3:4-5; Col. 2:8-10). We may even come to believe that a God who is deceptive is also a God who can be careless. A careless God could certainly be capable of giving us an attraction for someone of the same sex or even have placed a misguided view of gender in our mind—especially when life experience has proven that those of the opposite sex are unfaithful, uncaring and/or abusive.

The only means of overcoming deception is by acknowledging and proclaiming truth. We believe that divine order and moral absolutes are revealed in the pages of the Bible. Scripture is clear that God prescribed our birth features in accordance with His plan for our lives before we were born. (Psalm 119:73, 139:16; Rom. 9:20)

Teen Challenge of the Mid-South does not discriminate against anyone seeking admission on the basis of race, gender or class. However, it does reserve the right to refuse admission to anyone who has no intention of embracing the Core Values and Statement of Faith as outlined in our application process or contained in our website information. Our mission is to facilitate a healing relationship with Jesus Christ and to promote His original divine plan in creating one's body as it existed at birth. To minister with any other outcome in mind is to operate contrary to our own beliefs and subject the student to less than what God has in His plan for his/her life.

Completion of the Teen Challenge Discipleship program is contingent upon the student embracing the principles contained in the Bible, this document, our Statement of faith and our Philosophy of ministry.

I hereby acknowledge my understanding of this policy and agree to abide accordingly:

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