



## Volunteering with H15 Ministries

### Thank you for your interest in giving of your time to serve with us!

In today's culture, it is becoming increasingly difficult for our teens to find good role models. Just take a look at TV shows and movies, or at the elite among our sports stars and you will more often than not find bad examples for our youth.

God has called us to set the example for the world. We are a chosen people that God has called to be a light in the darkness. Whether you are a teen yourself or you are 105 years old you can have an impact. It doesn't take a perfect person to share God's love!

With that in mind, we are searching for people who will come and spend time with the teens that come to H15 with the goal of setting a Godly example. That doesn't require you to preach to them, be cool or relevant, understand their teenage ways, and most definitely you don't have to be perfect! What it means is that you will come with a heart full of God's love and just spend time with them, having fun and building relationships. God will bring about the changes that need to take place in them. As you build friendships, you can count on God to open the doors that will allow you to share your faith. It isn't until they see that you love them that they will care about why.

Our goal is to find people who are living a Christ-like life. To that end, you will need to go through a couple of stages before you will be approved as a volunteer:

1. Read H15's Statement of Beliefs and decide if they agree with your own beliefs. It is important that we stand united in these beliefs. Please talk to us if you have any concerns, we will be happy to discuss any questions you have to help you decide if this is the right ministry for you.
2. Fill out the volunteer application and return it to us.
3. We will contact you for an interview based on your application.
4. After the interview, if we feel you are a good fit for our ministry we will ask adults to complete a background check and teens to provide a recommendation letter from their senior or youth pastor. (The cost of the background check is \$37. Please talk to us before letting that stop you from applying)
5. As long as there are no red flags, you will be approved.
6. You will be asked to sign a covenant committing to actively seek to live out your faith.

This might seem like a strict process to go through just to volunteer but in today's culture we not only need to find Godly volunteers but it is necessary to ensure the safety of the young people we are serving. We hope you understand how important this is.

We thank you for wanting to come alongside us in this ministry and we urge you to seek God prayerfully as you make your decision. Teens are looking for meaning in their lives and we are excited to be able to share that with them!

Andy Schafer  
Founder & Director

## Statement of Beliefs

We believe that man is born into a sinful nature and is incapable of saving himself. Our sin eternally separates us from God. Therefore, God, through His love and for His glory, chose to send His only son, Jesus, to:

- Teach us the truth of God's will for our lives
- Take our sin upon Himself
- Pay the death penalty for that sin by dying on the cross
- Give us victory over death and Satan by rising from the grave
- Commission us to spread the good news of the Gospel into all the world
- Ascend into Heaven to sit at the right hand of God
- Give us access to God's throne and be our intercessor before Him
- Send the Holy Spirit to dwell within us at the moment of salvation and guide our lives

In light of what God has done for us through His son Jesus, and by the grace and mercy He offers us, our responsibility is to:

- Realize that our only chance for salvation is through Jesus and only Jesus
- Accept God's gift of salvation by believing we are sinners in need of a savior and that Jesus has completed that work by dying and rising again
- Seek to draw closer to God in our personal lives through time spent in prayer and Bible study
- Seek to allow the Holy Spirit in us to bring real change into our lives
- Freely share the good news of the Gospel with those God brings into our lives
- Demonstrate the change that God has brought about in our lives by being His hands and feet here on earth
- Watch, pray, and be prepared for Jesus' physical return to bring His church home

There are many views on many things among Christians. Some are very controversial while others are simply variations in personal opinion. Some are not worth arguing about while others are. We hold firm to these beliefs:

- The Bible is God's inspired word to us and, in its original form, is without error
- While we understand there is some symbolism used, the Bible should be interpreted literally
- No translation of the Bible is perfect
- Heaven and Hell are literal places and all of us will spend eternity in one or the other
- Homosexuality is a sin but as with all sin, it does not exclude someone from God's love
- Marriage is ordained by God as one man and one woman bound together for life
- Abortion is murder

Our job as Christians is to be a beacon of light that shines into the darkness of this world. God has given us so much. As He told His disciples in Matthew 10:8, "Freely you have received, freely give." Our faith requires action to be worth anything. Let's take the gift of God's love and spread it far and wide so that every life we have contact with is affected even if it is only in some small way.



## H15 Ministries Volunteer Application

### Personal Information

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Work: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? no yes - we would like to hear your story

### Family Information

Married? no yes - how long? \_\_\_\_\_ Children? no yes - how many? \_\_\_\_\_

### Work Information

Are you employed? no yes - where: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ how long? \_\_\_\_\_

### Church Information

Do you attend a local church regularly? yes no - explain why \_\_\_\_\_

Name of church: \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

Church or pastor phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

List any of your church's activities you work or participate in: \_\_\_\_\_

### References

Please provide two references in addition to your pastor.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Skills, Hobbies, & Interests**

Describe any special training or skills you have: \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe any hobbies you enjoy participating in: \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe any other interests you might have: \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you willing to share your knowledge of any of these areas with the teens? yes no

**Heart for teens**

Please share a little bit about why you want to work with teens: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Statement of beliefs**

Please read the H15 Ministry Statement of Beliefs.

Will you commit to live a life that models Christ and is in line with our beliefs? yes no

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this application you give permission to H15 Ministries to use the information you have provided to determine your eligibility to serve as a volunteer of the ministry. This information will not be used for any other purpose.

You may return this completed application to us by:

- Mail: H15 Ministries  
34 E. Jackson St  
Millersburg, Oh 44654
- Scan & email: [director@h15ministries.com](mailto:director@h15ministries.com)
- In person: Call 330-231-7147 to set up a time to meet