

APPENDIX I

**BRECKSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
APPLICATION TO WORK/VOLUNTEER
WITH CHILDREN AND/OR YOUTH**

All three pages of this application are to be completed by all persons (volunteer or compensated) who desire to work with children or youth in our church's ministries. This application form is being used to help the church provide a safe and secure environment for those children and youth who participate in our programs and for those who work with them. To the extent possible, the information contained in this application will be kept confidential.

PERSONAL

Date _____

Name _____
Last First Middle

Former Name (if applicable) _____

Present Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone (____) _____ Other phone numbers (____) _____

E-Mail address _____

How long have you lived at the above address? _____

1. If less than one year, provide all previous addresses for the past five years:

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

3. Why do you want to serve in this position? _____

4. Please indicate the date you would be available to begin _____

5. What is the length of commitment you can make? _____

6. Our church has an open door policy which means that a parent, volunteer, or church staff can visit/observe at any time. Are you comfortable with this atmosphere? _____

7. Our church encourages the use of two teacher/leaders for children/youth activities. Are you comfortable with team teaching? _____

8. Have you ever been charged with, convicted of, or pleaded guilty or no contest to a crime against children or other persons?

_____ Yes (If yes, please explain – attach a separate page, if necessary) _____

_____ No

9. Have you ever committed any act of child abuse or sexual misconduct against a minor?

_____ Yes (explain) _____ No

CHURCH HISTORY AND PRIOR CHILD/YOUTH WORK

10. How long have you been attending Brecksville United Methodist Church: _____
List (names and addresses) other churches you have attended regularly during the past five years: _____

11. List all previous church work involving children/youth (list each church's name and address, type of work performed, and dates) _____

12. List all previous non-church work involving children/youth (list each organization's name and address, type of work performed, and dates) _____

13. List any gifts, callings, training, education, or other factors that have prepared you for working with children or youth: _____

REFERENCES

Please list three persons who have known you for at least three years and who are familiar with your character, particularly as it relates to supervision of children and youth. None of the references may be a relative. One of whom may be on staff at Brecksville United Methodist Church

1. Name _____
Address _____
Daytime phone () _____ Evening phone () _____
Length of time you have known reference _____
Relationship to reference _____
2. Name _____
Address _____
Daytime phone () _____ Evening phone () _____
Length of time you have known reference _____
Relationship to reference _____
3. Name _____
Address _____
Daytime phone () _____ Evening phone () _____
Length of time you have known reference _____
Relationship to reference _____

APPLICANT'S AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE

The information contained in this application is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I authorize any references or churches listed in this application to give you any information (including opinions) that they may have regarding my character and fitness for work with children or youth. In consideration of the receipt and evaluation of this application by Brecksville United Methodist Church, I hereby release any individual, church, youth organization, charity, employer, reference, or any other person or organization, including record custodians, both collectively and individually, from any and all liability for damages of whatever kind or nature which may at any time result to me, my heirs, or family on account of compliance or any attempts to comply, with this authorization.

Should my application be accepted, I agree to abide by Brecksville United Methodist Church's Child Protection Policy and Procedures and will live by the understanding that, as a person of authority, it is my responsibility to avoid inappropriate behavior with any children or youth in my care.

I further state that I **HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE FOREGOING AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE AND KNOW THE CONTENTS THEREOF AND I SIGN IT AS MY OWN FREE ACT.** This is a legally binding agreement which I have read and understand.

Applicant's signature _____
Date _____