

Watermark Student Ministries

Volunteer Application and Covenant

Junior High Website:

MoreWake.com

High School Website:

MoreShoreline.com



Frequently Asked Questions

What type of time commitment is involved?

Most of our leaders give about 3 hours a week.

What are the actual commitments?

Most of our leaders lead a weekly Small Group Bible study (typically on Wednesday night), serve at our weekly (Wake on Sundays) or monthly (Shoreline on Wednesdays) large group meetings, and attend a Leader's Meeting once a month.

How long of a commitment would I be making?

We would love for our leaders to have a vision for devoting as many years as possible to the lives of specific students. Our leaders typically stay with the same group each year and continue to build on the relationships they have been fostering. Some will end up leading the same group from 6th grade until they graduate high school!

What if I have to miss a meeting occasionally because of my work or schedule?

All of our leaders have jobs (or are in school), so we realize that conflicts in schedule can come up. We just ask our leaders to be sure communication is clear and the conflicts are the exception and not the rule.

Can I serve in Student Ministries without being a Small Group leader?

Yes! There is so much you can do to help welcome students and create a program that effectively encourages and ministers to students. We need help with set up, greeting, music, games, skits, events, and more. There are many ways you can connect with us.

Do I have to be a member of Watermark?

Yes. We believe all of our leaders should be either a member of our church or committed to joining us in the near future. This means that you would also need to be in a Community Group of your own.

Steps to Becoming an Adult Leader

1. Initial Contact

To find out more about serving with Student Ministries, contact Anne Marie Mason at (214) 239-8820 or amason@watermark.org.

2. Personal Meeting

An hour spent over lunch or coffee will give our staff a chance to get to know you and you a chance to get to know us. This time will be spent discussing the vision and heart behind our ministry and answering any questions potential leaders might have.

3. Visits

Visit Wake (our junior high weekly meeting) or Shoreline (our high school monthly meeting) and our leaders meeting to get a feel for the culture and direction of our team and students. We'll also try to help get you connected with another leader so you can observe their Small Group in action.

4. Application and Covenant

Turning in the application and covenant will communicate to us that you are 100% on board with Student Ministries. The application will give us information for a required background check and will help other Student Ministries staff get to know you. The Covenant clarifies exactly what is expected of our leaders and serves as a form of accountability for our team.

5. Membership and Community

It is a value to us for the leaders on our team to be Watermark members or *pursuing* membership at Watermark. In addition, we would hate to ask anyone to lead a Small Group of students if they aren't first leading by example by being a member of a Community Group of their own.

6. Join Ranks

Once we've had a chance to get to know you and you've decided that God has called you to work with our students, we'll do our best to work together to find the best fit for you within Watermark Student Ministries. Most of our leaders lead Small Groups but there are sometimes other options available depending on the current circumstances and state of our ministry.

Watermark Student Ministries Volunteer Application

Contact Information

Name: _____

**Please include both full birth name and the name you go by*

Address: _____

Street

Apt. #

City/State/Zip

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

For Background Check

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Driver's License #: _____

Social Security #: _____

Character References (List two people we could call who can vouch for your character):

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship with Watermark Community Church

How long have you been attending Watermark? _____

Are you a member of Watermark? _____

Who is in your community group?

Getting to Know You

Where did you grow up? _____

Where did you go to high school? _____

Where did you go to college? _____

Who is your current employer and what is your position?

What churches have you attended before Watermark (Name, City, & State)?

What previous experience have you had ministering to others?

Watermark Student Ministries Volunteer Covenant

- 1) I am a member or am pursuing membership at Watermark Community Church.
- 2) I will, to the best of my abilities, attend Watermark Community Church on Sundays.
- 3) As proper for a leader, I do not want to give “cause for offense in anything, in order that the ministry be not discredited” (1 Corinthians 10:23-33, 2 Corinthians 6:3; Romans 14:13-19), therefore, I will ask myself the following questions when considering an activity and seek to modify my behavior accordingly:
 - Could it cause the ministry to be discredited?
 - Could it cause confusion, disillusionment, or disharmony with students, families, or with the other leaders?
- 4) I commit to a life of moral purity and strive to “maintain a conscience void of offense to both God and man” (Ephesians 5:3, Acts 24:16)
- 5) I commit to pray for the needs and spiritual vitality of students, leaders, and staff involved with Watermark Student Ministries.
- 6) As a leader, I will strive to multiply my life by active participation in the lives of students with hopes of developing future leaders for ministry. I will attempt to impart not only the gospel of God, but my own life as well. (1 Thessalonians 2:8)
- 7) I will attend the Watermark Student Ministries Leaders Trainings.
- 8) I will prepare for and attend my weekly commitments to Watermark Student Ministries.
- 9) I commit to growth in my relationship with Jesus Christ and to be spiritually accountable to others in leadership.
- 10) If I know of another leader who is not living in congruence with this covenant I will lovingly approach them and, if necessary, go to the leadership of Watermark Student Ministries (Matthew 18:15-17).

Signed _____

Date ____/____/____

3 Minute Testimony

Life Before Knowing Christ

What was your life like before you came to Christ? What did you think/feel about God?

How You Came to Know Christ

Specifically, when and why did you place your faith and trust in Jesus as your Lord and Savior?

Life After You Trusted Christ

How did your life begin to change after you started your relationship with God?
