

The REAP Team Application Form

General Application Information

- Complete this form by saving it on your computer and return the application via email attachment (to gretchen@reapteam.org) by **July 15** for summer training. Applications can be received anytime throughout the year if you're joining for Senior Service or have special circumstances.
- Ensure the completion and return of the two referral forms by **July 15**. Print and hand deliver the referral form and a stamped envelope addressed to The REAP Team to the two people who will be completing each or email the document link to such individuals, asking them to complete and mail into the REAP Office.
- The REAP Team office will contact you for an interview after receiving your application and referrals.
- Applicants under 18 years of age need to print out a copy of the **Letter for Parents and Legal Guardians**. It must be signed by a parent or guardian and mailed into The REAP Team office by **July 15**.
- Applicants 18 and over (or who will turn 18 this school year), please consult the Protecting God's Children (PGC) portion of the **General Information Letter**, as there are several important documents you need to mail into The REAP Team office by the **July 15** deadline in addition to attending a PGC workshop.
- Complete both of our training sessions, which will be held at Holy Trinity Parish in St. Ann, MO. Training Dates for the current school year can be found in the **General Information Letter**. There will be a weekday training session in January for those who apply after the summer training - though this is not preferred. Contact the REAP Team office to find out this training day.

What does being a REAP Team member mean?

- The commitment is from **August** through **June** of the upcoming school year.
- Team members serve on retreats as their schedule allows (a suggested minimum is two retreats per month).
- Team members must be at least thirteen years old (or have completed the 7th grade)
- Team members should possess the following qualities: a personal commitment to Jesus Christ, a love for teenagers, a love for the Catholic Church, regular participation in Sunday worship, a personal prayer life, freedom from serious sin, regular reading of Scripture, and an openness to using the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- Team members must successfully complete interviews and training sessions. Training dates and time are listed above. Please make sure that your schedule will allow you to attend both of these training sessions before you proceed to fill out this application form.
- Acceptance to the REAP Team is a conditional acceptance. Team members are free at any time to unconditionally terminate their relationship with REAP. At the same time, the ministry of the REAP Team retains the option to ask you to step out of this ministry if it becomes clear to us that the Lord is not calling you to this specific ministry, or if mitigating circumstances make it unwise for you to continue in this ministry.

Instructions

Please download and save this Microsoft Word document to your computer, with your name in the title. Secondly, type in your answers to the following questions in the small, grey boxes. The boxes will expand for you to type in several sentences or even paragraphs (if needed). It is highly recommended that you read through all of the questions before you try to answer any of them. This will save you the problem of duplicate answers. The purpose of these questions is so that we can get to know you better, and so that we might be able to place you better on particular retreats. Rest assured that all of this information will be held in strict confidence by the administrative staff of the REAP Team.

Upon completion, email this entire document, with your name saved in the title, as an attachment, to The REAP Office.

Basic Information

Full Name: Birthdate: Gender: E-mail:
Street/City/State/Zip: SSN:
Home Phone: Cell Phone: Work Phone: Fax:
School/College: Grade Completed: Graduation Date:
Occupation: Parish:

Personal Life and Faith

1. Briefly recount how you have come to know the Lord Jesus in a more personal way.
2. What are some concrete examples of how your life has been changed through your relationship with the Lord?
3. At this time, what are some areas of your life that the Lord is still working on?
4. Describe your prayer life. Include when and how you pray and what spiritual resources you may be using to deepen your faith.
5. At this time, what do you most enjoy about life?
6. At this time, what are your greatest struggles in life?
7. What did/do you most enjoy about junior high and high school?
8. What did/do you least enjoy about junior high and high school?
9. What are your future educational or career plans?
10. How are you currently employed?
11. Why do you want to be on the REAP Team?

Family

1. Briefly describe your immediate family.
2. Briefly describe your relationship with each member of your immediate family.
3. What about your family do you most appreciate?
4. What about your family do you most struggle with?

5. What part does God play in your family life?

Health

1. Please describe any health problems for which you are being treated.
2. Please describe any medication which you are currently taking on a regular basis.
3. Do you have any unique dietary issues that we should know about?
4. If you have ever attended professional counseling, please describe. Include when, for how long, and whether you are still receiving this help.

Catholicism

1. What do you most value about Catholicism?
2. If you could, how would you change the Catholic Church?

Retreat Skills

1. What experience, if any, have you had with doing retreat work. What role(s) did you perform on these retreats?
2. Please list any retreats which you have attended as a participant, including approximate dates and times.
3. Briefly recount your most profound retreat experience.
4. Other than actual retreat work, please describe any jobs or volunteer experience which you have done which might help you in retreat ministry.

Other Issues

1. Have you at any time been accused of child abuse? If yes, please provide in detail the date, the place, and an account of the circumstances surrounding each allegation of child abuse.
2. Did any administrative or judicial proceedings arise out of the allegations of child abuse? If yes, please identify the agency or court in which the proceeding was brought and its location, the parties to that proceeding, the docket number of the proceeding, and any judgment or resolution that was entered or reached.

3. Are you under the supervision of any federal, state, or local agency as a result of any allegations of child abuse?

Availability

Please answer the following questions as fully as you can at this time regarding your projected availability to help with retreats during the academic school year.

1. Would you ever be available to help with retreats during the day on weekdays?
2. Would you be available to help in the evenings? If so, which evenings?
3. Would you ever be available on the weekends?
4. Please list any activities or commitments which might prohibit your availability to help with retreats, including school, work, extracurricular activities, sports seasons, other volunteer efforts, prayer groups, family commitments, etc. Please list dates and times of these commitments.
5. How flexible are you regarding the possibility of occasionally canceling a previous commitment to work on a retreat?
6. How would you feel if, after having completed the application form, interview, and/or training for the REAP Team, you were not selected?
7. Interview availability - We prefer to interview at the Bread Co. restaurants on St. Charles Rock Rd/270 and on Manchester west of HWY 270 - which location do you prefer? We will call you to set up a mutually agreeable time for the interview. If these options do not work for you, let us know.

In Conclusion - Agreement

By writing "I agree" below, you are saying the following: "I agree that all of the information on this answer sheet is true to the best of my knowledge. In addition, I grant permission to the REAP Team to contact, in connection with this application and periodically thereafter, the Missouri Division of Family Services and any other governmental agencies, organizations, corporations, entities, or individuals that it deems necessary in order to verify the continued accuracy of information given in connection with this application, and I agree to complete, in connection with this application and periodically thereafter, any and all forms required by The REAP Team (including, but not limited to, an application for child abuse/neglect screening form to be submitted to the Missouri Department of Social Services)."

If you agree with the above statement, please write, "I agree". If you do not agree, please leave it blank or write "I do not agree".

PS - A Final Checklist

You may find this final checklist to be helpful. Please do not forget the following:

- _____ All of your Application Form filled in as a MS Word document, saved with your name in the title, **emailed, as an attachment, to Gretchen (gretchen@reapteam.org), by July 15**
- _____ Your approval of valid, truthful information at the conclusion of the application
- _____ Check up on your references in several days (remind them of the July 20th deadline)

_____ A signed copy (by your parents) of the **Letter for Parents and Guardians** (if you are under 18) **mailed into the REAP Office**

_____ Applicants 18 and over (and those turning 18 this school year) also need to **mail into the REAP Office** the following. See **General Information Letter** for details on each of these.

_____ A signed copy of the MO "Worker Registration"

_____ A signed copy of the "Code of Ethical Conduct"

And, they must attend a...

_____ Protecting God's Children Workshop if you haven't already

_____ Mail completed forms to the REAP Office by **July 15**. The address is...

The REAP Team

27 Grand Circle Drive

Maryland Heights, MO 63043

Feel free to contact Gretchen Pacheco (gretchen@reapteam.org) should you have any questions at any time. 314-298-9597 ext. 2 Thanks, and God Bless!