

# SPRING VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH CHILDREN'S & NURSERY MINISTRY VOLUNTEER APPLICATION & LEGAL AGREEMENT

## PURPOSE STATEMENT

Spring Valley Community Church ("SVCC") is committed to protecting children and youth entrusted to our care. In accordance with Scripture (Matthew 18:6; Matthew 19:14; 1 Peter 5:2–3) and California Assembly Bill 506 (AB506), all individuals serving minors must complete this application and agree to the following standards.

Service in children's ministry is a privilege, not a right.

## SECTION 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Legal Name:

Date of Birth:

Driver's License #:

Phone:

Email:

Home Address:

City / State / Zip:

How long have you attended SVCC?

Previous church or ministry experience with minors:

## SECTION 2: SPIRITUAL BACKGROUND

1. Briefly describe your relationship with Jesus Christ.
2. Why do you desire to serve in children's or nursery ministry?
3. Do you affirm the doctrinal beliefs of Spring Valley Community Church?  
☐ Yes ☐ No (Explain)

## SECTION 3: REFERENCES

### Reference #1

Name:

Relationship:

Phone / Email:

### Reference #2

Name:

Relationship:

Phone / Email:

## SECTION 4: CRIMINAL HISTORY DISCLOSURE

Have you ever been:

- Convicted of a crime involving a minor? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Accused of child abuse or misconduct? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Convicted of any felony? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, explain fully:

Failure to disclose material information may result in immediate disqualification.

## SECTION 5: BACKGROUND CHECK AUTHORIZATION (AB506 COMPLIANCE)

I authorize Spring Valley Community Church to:

- Conduct fingerprint-based background screening
- Review California DOJ criminal history
- Conduct reference verification
- Re-screen periodically as required by law

I understand screening is mandatory under AB506 for volunteers serving minors.

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

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

## SECTION 6: CHILD SAFETY AGREEMENT

I agree to comply with the following ministry policies:

1. **Two-Adult Rule** – I will not be alone with a minor in a closed setting.
2. **Observable Environment** – All interactions must remain visible and accountable.
3. **Secure Check-In/Out** – I will follow child release procedures.
4. **Appropriate Conduct** – I will maintain physical and emotional boundaries.
5. **Mandatory Reporting** – I understand I am required to report suspected abuse under California law.
6. **Zero Tolerance** – I understand violations may result in removal from ministry.

## SECTION 7: CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

I agree to:

- Maintain confidentiality regarding children and families.
- Not disclose sensitive information outside approved leadership channels.
- Not discuss private matters publicly or online.
- Understand confidentiality does not override mandatory reporting obligations.

Breach may result in removal from ministry.

## SECTION 8: SOCIAL MEDIA & DIGITAL BOUNDARIES

I agree that:

- I will not privately message minors.
- I will not connect with minors on personal social media.
- I will not post images or identifying information without authorization.
- All communication must occur through approved church channels.

## SECTION 9: TRANSPORTATION POLICY

Unless explicitly authorized in writing:

- I will not transport minors in my personal vehicle.
- I will not provide rides to church events.

If authorized, I agree to provide valid license, insurance, and driving record documentation.

## SECTION 10: PHOTO & MEDIA POLICY

I agree:

- Not to photograph minors unless authorized.
- Not to share images on personal accounts.
- To respect parental consent requirements.

## SECTION 11: RELEASE OF LIABILITY & INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent permitted by California law:

- I release and hold harmless SVCC, its staff, elders, and volunteers from claims arising from ordinary negligence during ministry service.
- This release does not apply to gross negligence or willful misconduct.
- I agree to indemnify SVCC from claims arising from my intentional misconduct or policy violations.

## SECTION 12: FINAL AFFIRMATION

I affirm that:

- All information provided is true.
- I have read and agree to SVCC's Child Protection Policy Manual.
- I understand service is conditional upon compliance.
- I understand SVCC may suspend or terminate my volunteer role at its discretion.

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

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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