

Dear Student:

Thank you so much for your interest in joining a Co-op! Co-ops are an integral part of our student ministry, and one of the most exciting ways for you to grow in your faith. Before filling out this application, we want to make sure that you know the vision for Co-ops and how they work. You will be asked to sign the application after completing it. With this signature you are not only stating that all of your information is correct, but you are also agreeing to follow our vision for co-ops. With that being said, here is the vision statement for co-ops:

- *That students would follow the example of Christ and experience spiritual transformation through community with a mentor and a few close companions seeking the same spiritual direction.*

Each Co-op will be completely different. The structure, meeting times, and discussion material will vary for each group, mainly depending on what the students are most interested in studying. However, each Co-op will be required to commit to three guidelines. First, you must meet once a week with only a few exceptions (vacation, holidays, etc.). Second, you will read through a book of the Bible or other previously approved book. Third, whatever is revealed about each person in the group is completely confidential. Co-ops will always be a safe place for you and others to share hurts, struggles, and questions.

Co-ops are one of the most effective ways for you to grow deeper in your faith, gain invaluable spiritual tools for dealing with growing up, and make lifelong friendships. You will be blessed immensely if you decide to join. While you fill out this application, please prayerfully consider if this is truly something that the Lord is leading you to join. Finally, know that this application is not a test in any way. It is merely a way for the student ministries staff to gain a greater knowledge of who you are and where you're at in life.

We love you so much!
Student Ministries Staff



Co-op Application

*S*tudent *M*inistries

I want to thank you for even praying and considering being involved in a Co-op! The vision of our student ministry is best embodied in these small, close-knit groups seeking to do life with one another and seek God's movements and rhythms in their lives. I pray God would lead each of you on your special spiritual journey to both connect with Him, and live in community with His people.

*Andy Shurson
Student Ministries Pastor*

General Information

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE (Home) _____ (CELL) _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

SCHOOL _____ GRADE _____

EMAIL _____

Are your parents supportive of you joining a co-op?

yes

no

If no, please explain: (may we contact them?)

What other students would you like to be in your co-op? (A maximum of three names can be written)

If you were able to choose your leader, who would you like to be your co-op leader? (Please list three people)

Self-evaluation Form

This is NOT a test! Please think through each area to help you understand your own character qualities as well as give us some general information on your personality and character. Remember, no one is successful in all of these areas. Please use the following scale to circle the appropriate response.

1=Always 2=Frequently 3=Sometimes 4=Rarely 5=Never 6=Unsure

Consistency and Relationship with God

- 1 2 3 4 5 6 I have a personal and consistent time with God.
1 2 3 4 5 6 I take responsibility for my own spiritual growth and do not depend excessively on others.
1 2 3 4 5 6 I am able to discuss my relationship to God with others.

Faithfulness (keeping commitments)

- 1 2 3 4 5 6 People can count on me to do something when I say I will.
1 2 3 4 5 6 I carry out the tasks given me.
1 2 3 4 5 6 I usually call someone if I'm unable to carry out a commitment.
1 2 3 4 5 6 I am usually on time to activities and meetings.
1 2 3 4 5 6 Others I have worked with would describe me as a faithful person.

Teachability (willingness to accept and apply input)

- 1 2 3 4 5 6 I try to avoid confrontation.
1 2 3 4 5 6 I am willing to seek and able to accept training in specific areas of personal life and ministry.
1 2 3 4 5 6 I can support the decisions of others even when we disagree.
1 2 3 4 5 6 When I'm not sure of something, I ask someone.
1 2 3 4 5 6 I exercise good judgment and common sense in making decisions that involve others.

Compatibility (getting along with leaders and other students)

- 1 2 3 4 5 6 Others would describe me as a person who is easy to get along with.
1 2 3 4 5 6 When I don't get along with someone my normal response is to make an extra effort.
1 2 3 4 5 6 I seek to restore a relationship when I am the offended one.
1 2 3 4 5 6 I am easily offended by others.
1 2 3 4 5 6 I am willing to overlook differences in others to see through to their strengths.

Emotional Stability

- 1 2 3 4 5 6 I am the kind of person someone would look to for strength in difficult times.
1 2 3 4 5 6 I am able to admit and resolve my own personal problems without draining others.
1 2 3 4 5 6 I take the right steps to revive myself during personal and spiritually low times.
1 2 3 4 5 6 I am content with the direction I am heading in life.
1 2 3 4 5 6 I have major unresolved relational conflicts.

Loyalty to Church, to Ministry, to Others

- 1 2 3 4 5 6 I am regularly involved with the whole church body (attendance, giving, activities involving larger church body).
- 1 2 3 4 5 6 I am the kind of person who keeps confidences.
- 1 2 3 4 5 6 If I had a problem with someone, I would go to that person first, rather than approaching others

The information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that the personal information will be held confidential by the student ministries staff.

Signature _____ Date _____

Thank you for taking the time to complete this application. Please turn it in or mail to:

Student Ministries
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