

**Young Friends Youth Conference
Friendly Adult Presence Application
Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Friends**

The staff and volunteers of Baltimore Yearly Meeting (BYM) intend to provide a safe and secure environment for children and youth entrusted to our care. From a place of joy and love we encourage all F/friends, young and adult, to grow in the Light. As George Fox put it, “Therefore, rouse up yourselves [adults] that you may be good patterns and examples to all your children. Bring them forth with you to your {gatherings} that they may find the Substance of that which you did formerly profess only in words. In the Power of God answer the good in them all.” Epistle 277

Youth workers hold a position of responsibility and great trust with our young people. The parents, staff, and the larger body of Friends want the safety, spiritual development, and general well-being of the children in our care to be nurtured and respected. We are grateful to all those who are called to work with youth.

We are seeking to create a written application process that represents the infinite value we place on every human being and that appreciates the generosity of spirit and talents of those adults who wish to participate. This application will also provide the kind of information that helps us discern the best use of your gifts within our youth programs. Youth work is one of the ways we express God's love. This is the initial step in a multi-step process.

If you have questions about this process, please contact the Youth Secretary at 800-962-4766 or any member of the Friendly Adult Presence Sub-Committee of Youth Programs Committee.

Name:

Address:

Phones: home

work

cell

Primary E-mail

Current Meeting/Faith Community:

Age group of youth with which you would like to work:

If there is anything in your background that is likely to cause question or concern, please describe and explain on a separate page.

CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK AUTHORIZATION

Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Friends

I hereby give my permission for the Baltimore Yearly Meeting to obtain information relevant to youth work relating to my criminal history record. The criminal history record, as received from the reporting agencies, may include arrest and conviction data as well as plea bargains and deferred adjudications. I understand that this information will be used, in part, to determine my eligibility for employment, or a FAP/volunteer position with Baltimore Yearly Meeting youth programs. I also understand that as long as I remain an employee, FAP, or volunteer here, the criminal history records check may be repeated at any time. I understand that I will have the opportunity to review my criminal history and a procedure is available for clarification if I dispute or wish to explain the record as received. I also understand that, by law, I may review a copy of the transcript, but will not receive a copy of the document in any fashion or form.

This application and the resulting report(s) will be maintained in a lockable file cabinet with access granted only to those defined by policy. Current policy provides access to the Youth Secretary, General Secretary, and (in lieu of one of the aforementioned staff members) the Administrative Secretary. If an individual will be present at or working with our camps, access will also be given to the Camp Secretary. In addition to these staff members, the Clerk(s) of Youth Programs Committee (YPC) and the FAP Sub-Committee Clerk(s) may have access to the information. Camping Program Committee (CPC) Clerk(s) will also be granted access if the applicant will be involved with our camps. If an issue arises that creates concern for staff and/or committee, access may also be granted to the following: Yearly Meeting Clerk, Interim Meeting Clerk, Clerk of BYM's Trustees, and any Monthly Meeting Clerk of a Meeting attended by the applicant. BYM will use the information obtained from these checks to determine a person's eligibility to work with Yearly Meeting youth in any capacity, including at the Monthly Meeting level. This background check does not necessarily fulfill any Monthly Meeting requirement.

I, the undersigned, do for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, hereby remise, release and forever discharge and agree to indemnify the Baltimore Yearly Meeting and each of their officers, directors, employees, and agents harmless from and against any and all causes of actions, suits, liabilities, costs, debts, and sums of money, claims, demands, whatsoever, and any and all related attorney's fees, court costs, and other expenses resulting from the investigation of my background in connection with my application to become an employee, FAP or volunteer of Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

I have never been convicted of a sexual offense or sexual offenses against children. To the best of my knowledge, no one has ever accused me of being sexually, physically, or emotionally abusive of a child.

I have read and understand these guidelines:

Print Name _____ Date _____

Applicant's Signature _____

Print Witness Name _____ Date _____

Witness's Signature _____

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All information collected on this form is required in order to complete the criminal records check.
Demographic information will not affect selection.

1. Full Name _____
Last First Middle Maiden

2. Sex: (please indicate) Male _____ Female _____

3. Race: (please indicate)

W B I A H O
White Black American Indian Asian/Pacific Islander Hispanic Other

4. Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____
Year Month Day

5. Social Security # _____ - _____ - _____
(helpful in correctly identifying volunteer applicants)

6. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? ____yes ____no

7. Are there any legal charges pending against you? ____yes ____no

If you answered yes to either questions 6 or 7 above, please explain:

The signature represents my current legal name and any previously used names are listed below:

Additional names: _____

Signature of Applicant Date