



The Bishop's Young Adult Initiative

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Application for Service

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

_____ *City State ZIP Code*

Phone: () _____ E-mail Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security No.: _____ Gender: _____ Marital Status: _____

Permanent address, if different from above: _____

Are you a citizen of the United States? YES NO If no, are you authorized to work in the U.S.? YES NO

Do you have a valid driver's license? YES NO Do you plan to bring a vehicle? YES NO If so, you must have proof of insurance.

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? YES NO If yes, explain: _____

Family

Name of Father: _____ Occupation: _____

Name of Mother: _____ Occupation: _____

Address(es) of Parents: _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, PLEASE NOTIFY:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: () _____ Address: _____

Education

High School: _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? YES NO Degree: _____

College: _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? YES NO Degree: _____

Other: _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? YES NO Degree: _____

References

List four references who know you well (do not include close relatives). References should be able to comment on your personal character, employment record, motivation, and qualifications for GraceWorks Community.

1. Name: _____ Relationship: _____
Address: _____ Phone: () _____

2. Name: _____ Relationship: _____
Address: _____ Phone: () _____

3. Name: _____ Relationship: _____
Address: _____ Phone: () _____

4. Name: _____ Relationship: _____
Address: _____ Phone: () _____

Previous Employment

1. Company: _____ Job Title: _____
Address: _____ Phone: () _____
From: _____ To: _____ Responsibilities: _____

2. Company: _____ Job Title: _____
Address: _____ Phone: () _____
From: _____ To: _____ Responsibilities: _____

3. Company: _____ Job Title: _____
Address: _____ Phone: () _____
From: _____ To: _____ Responsibilities: _____

4. Company: _____ Job Title: _____
Address: _____ Phone: () _____
From: _____ To: _____ Responsibilities: _____

Military Service

Branch: _____ From: _____ To: _____
Rank at Discharge: _____ Type of Discharge: _____
If other than honorable, explain: _____

Disclaimer and Signature

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If this application leads to acceptance into GraceWorks Community, I understand that false or misleading information in my application or interview may result in my release. I recognize that participation in GraceWorks Community requires a significant level of responsibility and commitment, both on the job and living in community. I understand the expectations of the program and I am ready to commit myself to them, knowing I can expect support for my efforts in my work and community living during the year.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please answer the following questions in the space provided. Additional sheets may be used if necessary.

Training, Skills, & Interests

Additional training, seminars, or educational experiences:

Languages other than English (please indicate degree of proficiency for speaking, reading, and writing each language):

Avocational interests, hobbies, recreational activities:

Job Placement

What type of site/placement are you interested in serving at, and why? (See Application Information for list of agencies.)

Describe the training and experience you have had in the area of your interest, including specific skills.

What responsibilities or experiences have you had in church, school, or community organizations? (Include past volunteer experience and any positions of leadership you have held.)

What experiences have you had living and working in another culture or with people of different racial/ethnic, economic, or cultural backgrounds from your own?

Do you have any medical conditions that might affect your service or place of assignment? (Please include any chronic illnesses, special medications, allergies, physical handicaps or restrictions, or ongoing counseling needs.)

Community Living

Describe any special group experiences you have had, and what you have learned or gained through them.

Evaluate your ability to live and work with others, including those of different backgrounds (racial/ethnic, cultural, economic, religious, etc.) from your own.

Please comment briefly on your use of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs.

Rate yourself on the following:

(5 = Excellent, 4 = Above average, 3 = Average, 2 = Below average, 1 = Poor, 0 = No experience)

_____ Listening	_____ Showing initiative/leadership
_____ Conflict management/resolution	_____ Creating time for friends
_____ Commitment to community living	_____ Public speaking
_____ Receiving critical feedback	_____ Facilitating meetings or group discussions
_____ Creativity	_____ Flexibility
_____ Working as a team member	_____ Coping with stress
_____ Understanding peace & justice issues	_____ Care for self

Program Requirements & Options

Do you wish to participate in the AmeriCorps Education Award Program? (Offers \$4,725 toward existing student loans or future education expenses, to be used within seven years of completing full-time term of service, 1700 hours. U.S. citizens and permanent legal residents only. Some restrictions apply to kinds of work/service placements eligible.)

GraceWorks Community, the Bishop's Young Adult Initiative, requires all volunteers to have health insurance, and offers paid group insurance. Will you participate in the group plan? If not, why?

Do you have any financial or family obligations that would require you to receive more money than personal maintenance, transportation, and a nominal monthly personal allowance? If yes, please explain, including your plans for meeting these obligations during a year of service.

For Statistical Purposes

How did you hear about GraceWorks Community/The Bishop's Young Adult Initiative?

Have you or a close friend or relative ever participated in a full-time volunteer program like GraceWorks Community before?

OPTIONAL –

not factors for acceptance

Do you identify with a specific religious affiliation?

YES

NO

If so, what? _____

What racial/ethnic heritage do you claim? _____

May we share this application form with potential placement sites?

YES

NO

If no, please attach a résumé.

Yes, with the following exceptions: _____

Program Values

The mission of the Bishop's Young Adult Initiative is to form communities of servant leaders committed to seeing and serving Christ in the poor and marginalized and in each other. As part of GraceWorks Community, young adults are invited to "live, serve, learn, and grow" during their year-long commitment:

Live a simplified lifestyle in intentional community;

Serve full-time in local human/social service agencies, meeting needs and meeting people where they are;

Learn about social needs and justice issues, faith connections and leadership skills; and

Grow personally, spiritually, socially, and professionally.

GraceWorks Community is sponsored by the Denver Area Episcopal Office of the United Methodist Church, and rooted in the Wesleyan (United Methodist) tradition of connecting spiritual growth with social holiness. Our core principles are Service, Community, Simplicity, and Spirituality.

Essays: Please write 1-2 pages per question.

1. How do the mission of the Bishop's Young Adult Initiative, and the core principles of GraceWorks Community, fit with your personal values and goals? What experience have you had working against social injustice? How have you practiced simplicity in your life? How have you grown personally or spiritually through the experience of community? What have you learned from such experiences, and how do you hope to continue to grow?

2. Why do you want to serve with GraceWorks Community / The Bishop's Young Adult Initiative? Please describe the specific experiences and relationships in your life that have led you to apply. Are you applying for other volunteer programs? If so, what will be the deciding factor in your decision?

Short Essays: Please write 1-3 paragraphs per question.

3. What is your understanding of the relationship between charity and justice?

4. What are your skills in conflict resolution? How do you see yourself achieving your personal objectives in a group, community, national, or global setting?

5. What are the motivations that draw you to living in community? What do you expect will be challenging for you about living in community?

Please answer all questions completely and send application, together with four reference forms in sealed envelopes, to:

Bishop's Young Adult Initiative
Attn: Kerry Greenhill, Director
6110 Greenwood Plaza Blvd
Greenwood Village, CO 80111

If you have questions, please email BYAI@rmcumc.com or call 303-325-7053 (800-536-3736 x153 toll-free if calling from outside the Denver metro area).

Thank you for your interest in GraceWorks Community, the Bishop's Young Adult Initiative of the Denver Episcopal Area of the United Methodist Church – we look forward to receiving your application!