VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in serving with Mentoring with Horses LLC (MWH).

MWH is a Christ-centered equine-assisted mentoring organization serving young people ages 12 & up. This application helps us understand your interests, experience, availability, and suitability for volunteer service. Completion of this form does not guarantee placement. Certain roles may require references, background screening, role-specific training, skills verification, or additional documentation.

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Legal Name	
Preferred Name	
Date of Birth	_____ Age: _____
Street Address	
City / State / ZIP	
Primary Phone	
Email	
Preferred Contact	☐ Call ☐ Text ☐ Email
Occupation / Employer	
Church / Community Affiliation (optional)	

2. EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name	
Relationship	
Primary Phone	
Alternate Phone	

3. VOLUNTEER INTERESTS

Please check all areas that interest you. Final assignments are made by MWH based on training, experience, safety, program needs, and fit.

☐ Program Support ☐ Horse Handler / Leader ☐ Participant Support
☐ Facility / Herd Support ☐ Hospitality ☐ Administrative Support
☐ Outreach / Community Events ☐ Photography / Video ☐ Marketing / Communications
☐ Carpentry / Maintenance ☐ Fundraising / Grant Support ☐ Other: _____

Programs of interest:

☐ Discipleship with Horses (DWH) ☐ Serenity Horse Encounters (SHE) ☐ Other approved MWH programs

4. AVAILABILITY & COMMITMENT

Days Available	☐ Mon ☐ Tue ☐ Wed ☐ Thu ☐ Fri ☐ Sat ☐ Sun
Typical Availability	☐ Morning ☐ Afternoon ☐ Evening ☐ Flexible
Frequency	☐ Weekly ☐ Twice monthly ☐ Monthly ☐ Occasional / Events
Start Date Available	
Known Scheduling Limits	

For recurring mentoring programs, consistency matters. If assigned to a recurring DWH time slot, are you willing to make a dependable commitment for the season?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure / Need to discuss

5. EXPERIENCE & SKILLS

Experience with horses (check all that apply):

☐ None ☐ Beginner ☐ Comfortable around horses ☐ Experienced handler
☐ Grooming ☐ Leading ☐ Groundwork ☐ Mounted instruction
☐ Horse care / barn work ☐ Training / behavior ☐ Other: _____

Briefly describe your horse experience, including years, settings, and responsibilities:

_____
_____
_____

Experience working with youth / teens / young adults:

☐ None ☐ Parenting ☐ Church / youth ministry ☐ Education
☐ Mentoring ☐ Coaching ☐ Counseling / helping profession ☐ Special needs / neurodiversity
☐ Other: _____

Please describe relevant experience:

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_____
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Other skills, certifications, licenses, training, or professional experience that may benefit MWH:

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_____
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6. PERSONAL FIT & MOTIVATION

Why are you interested in volunteering with Mentoring with Horses?

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What strengths do you believe you would bring to the MWH volunteer team?

MWH is intentionally Christ-centered and integrates Christian values, Scripture, prayer, and discipleship principles into its programs. Are you comfortable serving in and respectfully supporting that environment?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I would like to discuss this before serving

Is there anything MWH should know that may affect your ability to serve safely or reliably in the role(s) you selected?

Please do not disclose unnecessary medical details. We only need information relevant to safe role placement.

7. REFERENCES

Please provide two non-family references who can speak to your character, reliability, work with youth, ministry service, horse experience, or volunteer suitability.

	Name	Relationship	Phone	Email
Reference 1				
Reference 2				

8. SAFETY, BACKGROUND & ELIGIBILITY

Because MWH serves minors and operates around horses, volunteers may be subject to role-appropriate screening and safety requirements. Please answer accurately.

Have you ever been dismissed, suspended, or asked to resign from a job, ministry, school, youth program, volunteer role, or organization for misconduct, boundary concerns, safety concerns, or inappropriate behavior?

☐ No ☐ Yes — please explain below

Have you ever been convicted of, pleaded guilty/no contest to, or currently have pending any criminal offense other than a minor traffic violation?

☐ No ☐ Yes — please explain below

Have you ever been the subject of a substantiated finding, protective order, professional discipline, or investigation involving abuse, neglect, exploitation, harassment, violence, sexual misconduct, or harm to a child or vulnerable person?

☐ No ☐ Yes — please explain below

Is there any other circumstance that could reasonably affect MWH's decision to place you in a youth-facing, horse-facing, driving, financial, or confidential-information role?

☐ No ☐ Yes — please explain below

If you answered Yes to any question, please explain. A Yes answer does not automatically disqualify an applicant; MWH will consider the nature, relevance, timing, and circumstances.

9. DRIVER INFORMATION — ONLY IF DRIVING MAY BE PART OF YOUR ROLE

Driver's License State	
License Expiration	
Auto Insurance Company	

☐ I am not applying for / expecting a driving role.

Do not provide a driver's license number on this general application. MWH may request it later through a separate secure process if a driving role requires verification.

10. APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGMENT & AUTHORIZATION

- I certify that the information I have provided is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.
- I understand that submitting this application does not guarantee acceptance, placement, a particular role, schedule, or duration of volunteer service.
- I authorize MWH to contact the references listed above and to verify information relevant to my volunteer application.
- I understand that, depending on the role, MWH may require additional screening, including a criminal-background check, sex-offender registry check, driving-record review, reference checks, or other lawful screening. I understand that any required authorization or legally required notices will be provided separately before such screening is conducted.
- I agree that, if accepted, I will complete required orientation and role-specific training; follow the MWH Volunteer Handbook, safety rules, confidentiality requirements, participant-boundary expectations, horse-welfare practices, and directions of the MWH leader in charge.
- I understand that volunteer service is unpaid and does not create an employment relationship.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Parent / Guardian Signature (if applicant is a minor and MWH permits minor volunteers):

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

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Date Received	
Interview / Conversation Date	
References Checked	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Required
Background Screening	☐ Cleared ☐ Pending ☐ Not Required
Approved Role(s)	
Restrictions / Notes	
Orientation Completed	
Role-Specific Training Completed	
Approved By	
Status	☐ Approved ☐ Hold ☐ Not Placed