

Wears Valley Ranch Mentor Application Process

Step One: Fill out and submit the application

Thank you for your interest in serving the Lord at Wears Valley Ranch. In order to help us get to know you better, please complete the following application, and attach a recent photograph of yourself to the cover. Submit your application through mail (Wears Valley Ranch, Attn: Counseling Center, 100 One Fine Place, Sevierville, TN 37862) or e-mail (employment@wvr.org).

Step Two: References

Ask three individuals or couples who know you well to complete one of the attached reference forms and mail it to the same address (Wears Valley Ranch, Attn: Counseling Center, 100 One Fine Place, Sevierville, TN 37862). After reviewing your materials, someone from our residential team will contact you to let you know if you have been selected to move on to the next steps of the interview process.

Step Three: Phone Interview

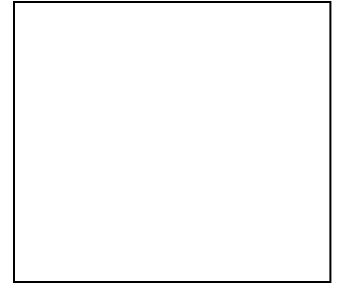
We will set up a time for you to have a preliminary phone interview with one of our Biblical counselors.

Step Four: On-Campus Interview

If at all possible, we love for perspective mentors to visit the Ranch. Visits often include tours of the facility, a meal in the dining hall or one of the houses, participation in daily activities such as devotions, and recreation, and an interview with our Residential Directors. After prayerfully considering the outcome of that visit, we will notify you of a final decision.

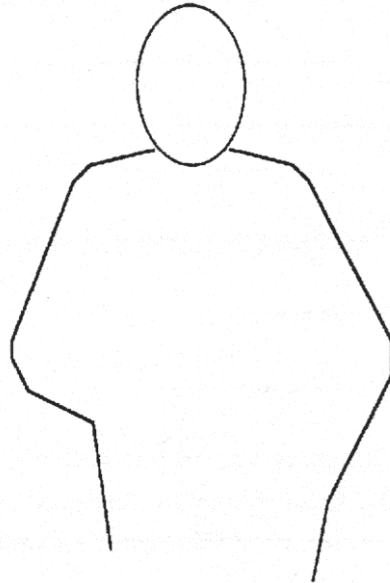
If you have any questions about the Ranch or this process, please e-mail employment@wvr.org or call us at 865-429-0372.

May God guide you as you seek the place He has called you to serve Him!



*Please attach
a recent photo*

It takes
a very special person
to fill this spot



Thank you for your interest in serving at Wears Valley Ranch. In order to help us get to know you better, please print a copy of the complete application. Submit the three reference forms to different individuals who know you well and have each of them mail the completed reference form to the attention of "Director of Residential Services" at 100 One Fine Place Sevierville, TN 37862. Complete the remaining portion of the application, attach a recent photograph of yourself, and mail to the same address. May God guide you as you seek a place to minister to others.



**Wears Valley Ranch
Employment Application**

**100 One Fine Place
Sevierville, TN 37862**

Position Applying For: _____ Date of Application: _____

Available Start Date: _____

Name: _____
Last First Middle (Nickname)

Present Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Phone Numbers: _____
(Area code) (Area code)

Email Address: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Driver License Number: _____ State: _____

Marital Status: _____ Date of Marriage: _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Spouse's SSN: _____

Names and ages of children: _____

Persons to notify in case of accident or emergency:

Name Address Phone

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Letter of Reference

The Department of Children's Services requires St. Andrew's School and Wears Valley Ranch to maintain letters of reference on all employees and volunteers who have direct contact with the children in our care.

_____ is (are) requesting that you serve as a reference. Would you please answer the following questions to the best of your ability?

Your name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

How long have you known this person? _____

In what capacity?

Would you please make a statement concerning the character of this person (couple), especially their integrity and ability and enthusiasm for working with children and youth?

Signature

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Statement of Faith

The Bible

The Bible is God's Word. It contains truth without any mixture of error. We accept its authority over every area of our lives. Through it we come to know God as revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. There are some things in the Bible that we may not fully understand, but as we study we can always learn more.

God

God is the creator of all things. He is perfect, eternal, self-existent, all knowing, all-powerful, and present everywhere. He is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He has revealed Himself finally through Jesus the Messiah, Who was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, died on the cross as the full payment for the sins of all who believe, rose from the dead, and is coming again in glory.

Man

Man was created by God for the purpose of serving Him and enjoying fellowship with Him forever. Given the freedom to choose good or evil, our first parents, Adam and Eve, chose evil with the result that suffering and death have passed to every generation in history. All of us demonstrate the effects of this sin in that from our earliest opportunity each of us chooses to disobey God. The consequence is guilt and eternal death.

Salvation

Despite our sin, God loved us so much that He gave His only Son to provide a sacrifice that would remove the guilt of everyone who trusts in Jesus. Salvation is only available through God's grace (undeserved favor) and is received by those who trust Jesus as their Savior and Lord. Salvation is more than being forgiven. It means a new life in which God comes to live in us and change us by His power from the inside out.

The Church

When a person is led by God's Spirit to trust in Jesus and receives Him as Lord and Savior, that individual becomes part of a family that is worldwide and will live forever. This family of believers is the Church. Members of the Church are commanded to meet together and worship God, study His word and strengthen one another. We are also commanded to take the good news of God's love to people all over the world until everyone has had the opportunity to trust Jesus. Someday people everywhere will have heard the good news, and Jesus will return to earth to take all His family home to be with Him forever.

Twelve Guiding Principles

1. This entire ministry belongs to God and is for His glory.
2. Wears Valley Ranch exists to promote the spiritual, emotional, intellectual, social and physical development of children in need of a stronger family support system through Christ-centered home settings.
3. The Board of Directors and all employees shall annually reaffirm by signature their belief in and support for the WVR statement of faith.
4. Truth and truthfulness shall be treated as essentials for participation in the community life of WVR.
5. Our goal is to develop individuals who will follow Jesus Christ in wholehearted obedience. While endeavoring to provide an environment where individuals can fulfill their God-given potential in every way, we view character development as a far greater measure of our success than academic or athletic achievement.
6. The Board of Directors shall select and appoint the executive director and delegate responsibility to the executive director for administering WVR. The Board of Directors shall serve as a source of accountability for the entire WVR community and as a channel of prayer and financial support.
7. Members of the WVR community shall understand that this is a non-profit mission enterprise. Therefore, while seeking to avoid excesses in lifestyle, we shall endeavor to provide all employees with their basic material needs (food, shelter, clothing, medical care, a retirement program and reasonable discretionary income) and with spiritual, emotional, and educational support.
8. Realizing that Jesus Christ is in control of all resources, WVR will look for affirmation from Him through the support of His body in prayer, financial contributions, and volunteer work. WVR will accept support from the secular community to the extent that it doesn't compromise our mission or testimony.
9. WVR shall not incur debt for operational nor capital purposes, shall maintain financial solvency, be faithful and responsible stewards of the funds entrusted to us, and make every effort to pay all obligations in a timely fashion so that our reputation in the community at large will bring glory to God.
10. The WVR community shall make every effort to become an asset to the greater Wears Valley community, Sevier County, and surrounding areas.
11. While the needs of the children will remain the primary focus of WVR, the contributions of senior citizens to the lives of the children will be solicited and nurtured. The resulting needs of these senior citizens will also be addressed. (James 1:27)
12. WVR shall network with other Christian ministries in order to provide assistance for those our program is not equipped to help.

EDUCATION

| | Name/Address of School | Month/Year Attended From To | Date Graduated Diploma/Degree | Major/ Minor |
|--|------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| High School | | | | |
| College or University | | | | |
| College or University | | | | |
| Trade, Business or Correspondence School | | | | |
| Professional Certificates or Licenses Held: | | | | |
| Subjects or Special Studies: | | | | |
| Extra-Curricular Activities: | | | | |
| Have you had any special education or training in residential group childcare and/or child welfare? _____ If yes, explain: | | | | |

MILITARY DATA

| | | |
|--|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| A. Branch of Military Service _____ | B. Highest Rank Attained _____ | C. Type of Discharge _____ |
| D. Special Training (mechanical, clerical, etc.) of benefit to Wears Valley Ranch _____ _____ | | |
| E. Member of the Reserve or National Guard? _____ When are you required to attend drills, camps, or meetings? _____ _____ | | |
| F. If other than honorable discharge, explain: _____ _____ | | |

COURT AND CREDIT DATA

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| A. If you have been convicted for an offense other than minor traffic violations, give date, offense, court and sentence: _____ _____ _____ |
| B. Has your credit rating (including spouse) ever been considered unsatisfactory, or have you ever been refused credit? _____ If yes, give dates, name of creditors, and circumstances: _____ _____ |

FOR CLERICAL APPLICANTS ONLY

Do you type? _____ Yes _____ No WPM _____

List the office equipment you operate. Elaborate on any skills.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

| | | | |
|--|---------------------|--|---------------------|
| Former Employer (list below last three employers starting with last one first.) | | | |
| Present or last employer | | Address | |
| | | City | State |
| Type of Business | Phone: _____ | Date Employed | Date Left |
| Title and duties | | | |
| Supervisor's name and title | | Starting Salary | Final Salary |
| | | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| Reason for leaving | | If still employed, may we check references? | |
| | | ____ Yes ____ No | |

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|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
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| | | City | State |
| Type of Business | Phone: _____ | Date Employed | Date Left |
| Title and duties | | | |
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| | | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| Reason for leaving | | May we check references? | |
| | | ____ Yes ____ No | |

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| | | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| Reason for leaving | | May we check references? | |
| | | ____ Yes ____ No | |
| Explain any gaps in your employment history | | | |
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| Briefly explain why you want to work at Wears Valley Ranch |
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REFERENCES

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|--|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| LIST THREE REFERENCES WHO ARE NOT RELATED TO YOU BUT KNOW YOU WELL. | | | |
| NAME | OCCUPATION OR TITLE | ADDRESS & PHONE NO. | YEARS KNOWN |
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Personal Life

Do you have physical limitations? _____ If so, please explain (use reverse side if needed)

Are you currently taking any medications? _____

What medications have been prescribed for you in the past two years? _____

Have you ever been hospitalized? _____ If so, please explain (use reverse side if needed)

Current health insurance: _____

Do you, your spouse, or dependent children have any exclusions from hospitalization coverage?

_____ If so, please explain _____

What causes stress in your daily life and how do you handle it? _____

Why are you interested in working with children? _____

What personal strengths do you have to offer that would be particularly helpful in the ministry of Wears Valley Ranch? _____

What areas of concern do you wish to discuss before accepting a position in ministry to children?

Have you ever received counseling or treatment (including medication) for depression or any type of emotional disorder? _____ If yes, please explain. _____

Have you ever been married? ____ If yes, briefly explain: _____

As a single person, how do you seek to maintain sexual purity in your life? _____

Spiritual Life

Name and Address of Church: _____

Pastor: _____ Phone: _____

Describe your involvement in the life of your church: _____

Describe your spiritual gifts and how you are using them: _____

How do you maintain vitality in your spiritual life? What are your goals for spiritual maturity?

Please find the attachment "Statement of Faith" for Wears Valley Ranch. Do you agree with the statement in its entirety? _____ If not, please explain: _____

What is your definition of a Christian? _____

Describe your Christian experience, how and when you came to faith in Christ. _____

What does the Lordship of Christ mean as it applies to your life? _____

How do you seek the Lord's will for your life? _____

Please identify some truths about God that you are especially eager for children to understand. _____

How do you seek accountability in your Christian walk? _____

To what extent are you free from financial indebtedness? _____

Do you use alcohol?_____ drugs?_____ tobacco?_____ profanity?_____

pornography?_____ If yes to any of the above, please explain:_____

Have you used/abused any of these in the past?_____ If yes, please explain:_____

Have you ever participated in, been accused or convicted of, or pleaded guilty or no contest to any abuse or sexual misconduct?_____

We believe that certain issues which other Christians may debate are clearly settled in Scripture.

Abortion, homosexual behavior, pornography and entertainment which portray sin in a positive light

(e.g. sexual immorality, witchcraft) are wrong/sinful. Are you in agreement with this

statement?_____ If no, please explain: _____

Have you ever been accused of or convicted of any misdemeanor or felony? _____

Are you willing to take a psychological and/or temperament exam? _____

I authorize investigation of all statements contained in this application. I understand that misrepresentation or omission of pertinent facts is cause for dismissal. Further, I understand and agree that my employment is for no definite time period and may, regardless of the date of payment of my wages and salary, be terminated at any time without previous notice if due cause is determined by the administration of Wears Valley Ranch.

Date:_____ Signature:_____

