**Junior EYC Advisor Application 2023-2024**

Being a Jr. Advisor for St. John’s EYC is a volunteer student leadership position

open to 11th and 12th graders! 11th and 12th graders help to advise and are role

models for 6th, 7th, or 8th graders. Being a Jr. Advisor is a great way to serve

God and looks great on college applications; but is also a huge responsibility that

requires a growing faith, a significant time commitment, positive example setting, and

openness to new situations and people.

Please answer the questions openly and honestly and turn the application into Rachel

no later than October 1st. We will reach out with follow up, interview needs, or other questions if we have them. Feel free to do the same.

JA Responsibilities –

**Actively seeking ways to grow in your own faith**

Attending worship, personal study, participating in youth activities and trips are all

important! There is no wrong way to grow in your faith! But you can’t mentor

others until you do!

**Attend EYC faithfully**

We require 75% attendance for regular EYC meetings, this is what we ask of all adult leaders, and ask that you attend the Fall Retreat, Winter Lock in, and the Beach trips. With JR EYC and SR EYC happening simultaneously, you will split your time between both. We want to give you opportunities to serve the younger students while still being able to spend time with students your own age! This is an important time for both aspects and we want to honor that.

**Check in with younger students weekly**

You can do this in person, via text or social media (i.e. comment on one of their

photos) or ask us how you can help US reach out! Be intentional to insert yourself into their world. The goal is to develop a relationship with the younger students. They will look up to you and should feel comfortable coming to you for advice or a chat … remember, you’ve been there!

**Set a positive example**

Think about the pictures you post on social media if younger students follow you. Think about what you shared from a party last weekend. Think about which accounts are public (i.e. TikTok) Watch your language. Remember, a 6th grader doesn’t have the life experience you do and might not “get it.” They are watching your every move and will most likely copy it, so make sure you are always cautious to set a good example!

**Be a leader**

Jump in to play games, move chairs when help is needed, share out-loud when

no one else will, notice and talk to the person in the room that no one else is …

even if you don’t know them, serve on the design team, and encourage your friends to do so! Step out of your comfort zone regularly! It is important to know that you are a LEADER. Sometimes this means being uncomfortable, having to step away from your friends for a little to serve younger students, and leading a program in the Spring Semester. Make sure that these are things you want to commit to before applying.

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Name:

School:

Grade:

Activities and Availability-

List all other commitments or time constraints in the upcoming school year (sports, clubs, jobs,

etc.). If there are more than three, please share how you will manage your time if you are also

chosen to be a Junior Advisor.

One expectation of Junior Advisors is a commitment to go on all retreats and to attend almost all

Sunday meetings. Will you be able to meet this expectation?

Please elaborate.

Do your parents and other key people in your life understand the commitment needed to be a

Junior Advisor? Please explain.

Motivation-

Why do you want to be a Jr. Advisor?

What do you believe you would bring to younger students in EYC?

What do you foresee as the biggest obstacle in working with younger students in EYC?

What do you foresee as the most interesting aspect of being a Junior Advisor?

How will you be a role model for the middle school students?

Hypotheticals-

How would you respond if someone in Jr. EYC tells you they have been drinking at parties?

How do you respond if a youth confides that they are having thoughts that are dangerous to

themselves and/or others?

How do you respond if you learn that 2 junior EYC members were engaging in sexual acts while

at youth functions?

What methods would you use to help a newcomer or a shy youth to fit in and make friends?

Goals and Faith-

If you were to form a mission statement for EYC, what would it be and why?

Find and explain a Bible verse that you feel best embodies the role you see for yourself as a Jr.

Advisor.

Describe the following in one word…

a. Your Faith:

b. Yourself:

c. Junior Advising:

Any additional thoughts?

List three fun facts about yourself-

What is your goal for the year if you are selected to become a junior advisor? It can be your goals in being a JA, in EYC in general, your faith, church, etc.

**Applications are due October 1st by midnight.**

**We will have Junior Advisor Fellowship on October 4th from 6-8 PM.**

**All JA’s must attend the Fall Retreat, October 13-15.**

**We will have mid-semester check in on November 5th following the 10:15 AM service.**

**Your first task as a JA is to prep/plan the Winter Lock-in and must attend as well. December 8-9.**

**You will be working with younger students but also together as a team with Hannah + Ellie. Please read the application in full and make sure this is something you want to commit to for the year (and most likely the following, if you are a Junior!) We are here if you have any questions!**