

eliminating racism empowering women

ywca volunteer application

YWCA of Kalamazoo Michigan
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Welcome to the YWCA of Kalamazoo. Our Mission is the empowerment of women and girls and the elimination of racism. Community volunteer support allows the YWCA to offer many activities, programs and human services. Thank you for considering giving your time to the YWCA, allowing us to continue meeting the changing needs of women, girls and their families.

last name _____	first name _____	date of birth _____
street address _____		apt.# _____
city _____	state _____	zip code _____ county _____
email address: _____		
social security number _____	place of employment _____	
home phone _____	work phone _____	work schedule _____
circle highest year of school completed: grade middle high college: years _____ degree _____		
emergency contact _____		phone _____
have you ever been convicted of a crime? explain _____		

Please give as volunteer/work reference two adults who are not relatives:

name _____	phone: home _____	work _____
address _____		
relationship _____		
best time to reach? _____	o.k. to call at work? _____	
name _____	phone: home _____	work _____
address _____		
relationship _____		
best time to reach? _____	o.k. to call at work? _____	

How many hours would you like to volunteer per week? (Use the grid provided)

days available	am	pm
monday		
tuesday		
wednesday		
thursday		
friday		
saturday		
sunday		

For what length of time are you interested in volunteering? (Please indicate in weeks or months the total number of hours)

How did you learn about volunteering at the YWCA?

Why are you interested in volunteering at the YWCA?

Have you ever been employed or volunteered by/at this or another YWCA? When and Where?

Is your interest in volunteering school related? Yes _____ **No** _____
Explain:

Is your interest in volunteering required for community service? Yes _____ **No** _____
Explain:

Please write a paragraph describing yourself:

Please list any previous experience or skills the YWCA should be aware of when considering your volunteer application. Please include whether you have any experience related to the volunteer position you are interested in.

The information below is optional and assists in our monitoring of diversity and our reporting to the YWCA of the USA.

AGE: ___ < 17 ETHNICITY: ___ African-American/Black ___ White
 ___ 17-44 ___ American Indian/Alaskan Native ___ Multiple Ethnicity/Other
 ___ 45-64 ___ Asian/Pacific Islander
 ___ >64 ___ Hispanic/Latina/Latino

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Referred to: _____
 Date: _____ Initials: _____

check the appropriate box below	ywca program area volunteer positions (please check the positions that you are interested in, be sure and indicate any related experience you have on the bottom of p.2)	required ywca training
	office/clerical - bulk mailing / data entry	1 hour training
	child care – yw-children’s center aide or yw-domestic assault program playroom aide	training varies
	domestic assault program – shelter service aide	training varies
	facility maintenance/grounds keeping	
	holiday party – yw-children’s center / domestic assault program	2 hour training
	mentoring program – be a mentor to a teen or an adult woman	2 hour training
	sexual assault program – supportive volunteer	20 hour training
	special events/ fundraising / marketing	training varies
	specialized professional service volunteer – examples: graphic design; hair styling; auto maintenance/ repair	1 hour training
	ywca intern – volunteer internship	training varies

Is there a special project or program area in which you are interested in volunteering? If yes, please identify:

Are you interested in volunteering in ways other than those listed above? If so, please describe what you would like to do:

My signature below authorizes the YWCA of Kalamazoo to conduct a background investigation and authorizes release of information in connection with my volunteer application. The investigation may include such information as criminal or civil convictions, personal or professional reference and other appropriate sources. I waive my right of access to any such information and without limitation hereby release the YWCA and the references source from any liability in connection with its release or use. The YWCA of Kalamazoo shall not be liable for any damages that may result from such verification and injury. Furthermore, I certify I have made true, correct and complete answers and statements on my application in the knowledge they may be relied upon in considering my application. I understand any omissions or false answered statement made by me on my application or any supplement to it, will be sufficient grounds for failure to select me as a volunteer or for discharge from volunteer service.

I understand that an application for a volunteer position does not guarantee placement in that position. If I am placed in a volunteer position at the YWCA of Kalamazoo, I will familiarize myself with the job description and perform those duties as requested. I will guard confidential information learned in the course of the volunteer assignment.

signature of applicant: _____ **date:** _____

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mission

The YWCA of the USA is the oldest, autonomous women's membership organization in the world. Nourished by its roots in the Christian faith and sustained by the richness of many beliefs and values, the YWCA of Kalamazoo, the oldest YWCA in Michigan, joins with the YWCA of the USA in our mission:

the empowerment of women and girls and the elimination of racism.

Strengthened by diversity, the Association draws together members who strive to create opportunities for women's growth, leadership and power in order to attain a common vision:

peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all people.

Our one imperative is:

**to thrust our collective power toward the elimination of racism wherever it exists
and by any means necessary.**

services

Through all of its programs and services, the YWCA of Kalamazoo works to achieve its mission, purpose and one imperative. YWCA programs include:

- **yw-children's center**, providing quality, affordable care for children so that families can pursue employment and educational goals.
- **ywca-community and member services**, providing programs for community and members' education, recognition and self-enrichment as well as advocacy, systems change and public awareness on mission-and-program-related issues.
- **yw-domestic assault program**, providing counseling, crisis line, support groups, resource referral, advocacy and shelter for victims of domestic assault and their families.
- **yw-mentoring program**, providing mentoring for self-sufficiency for non-traditional female students and teenaged girls.
- **yw-sexual assault program**, providing counseling, crisis line, support groups, resource referral and advocacy for victims of sexual assault and their families.