

Volunteer Driver Application Form

Faith Community Academy
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We often need help in transporting students on field trips. Our school parents have been generous in their assistance. The purpose of this form is to reduce the liability of the school and volunteer drivers by being proactive in our selection of parent drivers. If you are interested in helping with such needs during the school year, please fill out this form and return it **along with copies of your driver's license and your current vehicle insurance declaration page** to the school. A new Volunteer Driver Application Form must be updated every six months and /or when there is a change of insurance/vehicle/traffic violation.

Section I - Volunteer Driver Information

Date Completed: _____

Name: _____

Driver License #: _____

Phone: (C) _____ (W) _____

Expiration Date: _____

Address: _____

Car Model/Yr #1: _____ License number _____ # of seat belts _____

Car Model/Yr #2: _____ License number _____ # of seat belts _____

The school requires volunteer drivers to have a minimum amount of liability insurance:

- (1) \$100,000 liability per person for bodily injury;
- (2) \$300,000 liability per incident for bodily injury for all vehicle occupants; and
- (3) \$50,000-\$100,000 liability for property damage

Amount of this (these) car(s):

Car #1 Insurance Co.: _____ Policy #: _____ (1) \$ _____ (2) \$ _____ (3) \$ _____

Do you have uninsured/underinsured motorist coverage? Yes: _____ No: _____

Car #2 Insurance Co.: _____ Policy #: _____ (1) \$ _____ (2) \$ _____ (3) \$ _____

Do you have uninsured/underinsured motorist coverage? Yes: _____ No: _____

___ **Yes** ___ **No** Are you licensed to drive a commercial vehicle?

___ **Yes** ___ **No** Have you been in an accident in the last three years?
If you answered YES, please describe the accident and its cause on another sheet of paper and attach it to this form.

___ **Yes** ___ **No** Have you been ticketed for moving violations within the last three years?
If you answered YES, please describe the infractions on another sheet of paper and attach it to this form.

___ **Yes** ___ **No** Have you been convicted for DWI/DUI of alcohol or drugs, or had your license suspended for moving violations, hit and run, eluding an officer, reckless or negligent operation of a vehicle, or driving while under suspension or revocation?

[Note: Our school will not be able to use volunteers with a "yes" answer even if the incident took place before the person became a Christian.]

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Section II - Requirements for Volunteer Drivers

I certify that at the time of application:

- I possess a valid _____ (state) driver's license.
- I will contact my insurance agent to ascertain if there are any liability policy limits or exclusions regarding transporting other students or faculty members on a field trip that might affect my ability to meet the qualifications for a volunteer driver.
- I will maintain the minimum insurance coverage required by the school for volunteer vehicles for the vehicle(s) listed in Section I and only volunteer to drive when such insurance policies and coverage are in force
- I understand that in case of any type of accident, injury, or vehicle damage, the school's liability insurance policy does not provide primary or direct insurance on my vehicle. The school's insurance will take effect only after my personal auto insurance limits are exhausted. (Note: This is the only coverage that most nonprofit organizations can provide because of the impossibility of their affording or even obtaining primary or direct coverage on the vehicles of volunteer drivers.)
- I will advise the school of any change in information provided on this form including, but not limited to, involvement in a car accident in which I am cited, any citations for moving violations, nonrenewal of license, termination of license, change of insurance company, change in amounts of insurance coverage, termination of insurance, or change in vehicle.
- Students riding in my vehicle(s) will be seated in the back seat(s) and will be secured with individual working seatbelts. (No double belting of children is permitted.) I understand that no students will be allowed to sit in the front seat with an airbag even if the airbag is turned off. As required by state law, I will have a child restraint seat for each child under age 8.
- To my knowledge, my vehicle is in safe operating condition (brakes, tires, etc.). I understand that only non-smoking vehicles will be allowed for transporting students for field trips.
- **I will read and follow the Driver Instructions sheet for the field trip.**
- I will notify school personnel if I no longer wish to drive or if I wish to be removed from the Approved Driver List.

Section III - Declaration and Signature

I affirm that I will carefully transport students under my care, including obeying all traffic laws. The information given on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Section IV - School Administration Approval

_____ Approved _____ Disapproved for addition to the school's Approved Driver List.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please attach a copy of your driver's license and current declaration page of your car insurance policy.

Update insurance declaration page and insurance card when policies renew.

Driver and Chaperone Instructions

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Please read these instructions and keep this sheet for your information.

Thanks for being a chaperone and/or driver for this event. We truly appreciate your help!

Faith Community Academy greatly depends on the involvement of our parents for transportation for field trips and other off-site events. We appreciate your taking the time to support your child's school and its activities. The following are guidelines that we ask our drivers to follow:

General Instructions

- Only those parents who have signed up in advance as drivers or chaperones may attend.
- Please call FCA (**742-4189**) right away if you experience car trouble or become lost. If someone has been hurt or is ill, and the teacher is not readily available for consultation, please call the school for instructions or check the instructions on your copy of the Emergency Information form.
- It is important for volunteers to realize that they are acting as Christian role models for our students. Please be an example by demonstrating maturity in actions, attitudes, and dress. A classroom teacher will be in charge of each field trip and will direct the volunteers as to what is expected of them.
- Only children enrolled in the class or activity may go. Under no circumstances may guests or siblings attend a field trip unless the trip is announced as a special family event and other siblings are specifically invited. Many of our field trip destination institutions, especially commercial businesses, will not allow smaller children to accompany the field trip. Please do not make arrangements for someone else to meet you at the field trip or event site with siblings. We believe that it is nearly impossible for a mother of a small child to give that child the proper attention and also be able to give the necessary vigilance to supervising a group of field trip students. The first responsibility of each volunteer is to the students being supervised.
- Chaperones are responsible for the behavior of those students assigned to them. In private vehicles, the driver is responsible for children's behavior. In school-owned or rented vehicles, the teacher is responsible, with help from volunteers. If you are experiencing difficulties, please report the problem immediately to the teacher or other supervising adult. Do not allow rowdiness, disrespect, inappropriate voices, etc. Do not allow dangerous or potentially dangerous behavior on the trip.
- Students should not eat or drink in your car without your permission. They have been instructed to use quiet voices when talking and to keep their hands/feet to themselves. If any student does not cooperate, please inform the teacher.
- Chaperones should make it a special point to remain with the students for whom they are responsible. They should keep the students who rode with them close to them. They should vigorously resist the temptation to group with other adults while allowing the students to "do their own thing."
- Chaperones: enjoy the students! However, if you have a problem with any student, take him/her to the teacher or supervising adult.
- Know exactly how many students are in your small group and count, count, count, all day! Keep a roll if necessary. Be sure that all are present before moving from one place to another (especially when heading home).
- Students are to return with the same person and vehicle that transported them for this event. Exceptions to this can be made only by an administrator or the sponsoring teacher. Usually, exceptions are reserved for emergency situations only. Please bring all children (including your own) back to FCA. If you choose to take your student(s) home before the regular school day is done, you will need to sign your student(s) out in the office.
- Drivers and chaperones should refrain from purchasing special treats for the children they are supervising unless all the children in the class benefit equally. Any food eaten by students should be approved by the teacher due to food allergy issues.

- If you have questions about any aspect of the field trip, expectations of drivers/chaperones, or expectations for student behavior, please ask for assistance from the teacher or other person in charge.
- Please allow the teacher to make vehicle assignments for students. Teachers sometimes have special reasons that they may not be free to explain for assigning specific seating arrangements. You will be provided with a list of the names of the children being transported in your vehicle.
- Please arrive at school at least ten to fifteen minutes before departure time. Schedules are usually tight.
- Copies of the Emergency Medical Release Forms for all students will be with the teacher. Additional copies will be given to each driver for the students in that vehicle.
- Seat belts must be worn at all times. It is for this reason that children may be transported only in the cabs of pickup or other types of trucks. Note that only one child is permitted per working seat belt. Please abide by manufacturers recommendations for children seated in the front seat with air bags.
- It is expected that you will obey all traffic laws including maintaining acceptable speed limits.
- When traveling, cars will "caravan" together. At no time should cars pass the "lead car" or take "side trips" away from the caravan. Nor should you take "chances" to keep up with the caravan, such as entering an intersection when the light is already yellow. License plate numbers are listed on your trip list.
- If there are more than three vehicles in the caravan, a "buddy system" will be used whereby two or three vehicles will caravan together, thus eliminating a long line of vehicles, which can become a safety problem.
- Children must enter and leave the vehicle from the curbside unless the vehicle is in a protected parking area or driveway.
- Never leave children unattended in the vehicle.

Thank you for taking the time to read, our (your) children's safety is important!