



Mentor Application

Name _____ Gender: Male
First Last Female

Address: _____
Street City State ZIP

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name/Address of Employer: _____

Work Phone: _____ Occupation: _____

Volunteer Information:

1. Indicate your grade level preference: Elementary Middle School High School None
2. Where did you hear about us?

3. Why do you want to become a mentor and participate in the Blue Sky Moments program?

4. What do you feel are the strengths you can bring to Blue Sky Moments? (horse knowledge, previous relevant volunteer or work experience, etc.)



5. What do you hope to gain personally as a Blue Sky Moments mentor?

6. What concerns or conflicts do you have regarding your participation in the Blue Sky Moments program?

7. Do you have any areas of personal trauma and/or possible triggers that may need to be discussed confidentially in order to pair you up with the right foster child?

8. Please initial the statements below:

_____ I understand that the Blue Sky Moments program involves spending a minimum of one hour every week for 10 weeks or until the end of the current session with a selected participant.

_____ I understand that I will be required to complete an activity log for my child after each lesson for a total of ten upon completion of the session.

_____ I understand that throughout the year I may be asked to participate in additional training sessions that are relevant to being a mentor.

9. Yes No Within the past 10 years, have you been convicted of any felony or misdemeanor classified as an offense against a person or family, or an offense of public indecency or a violation involving a state/federally controlled substance?

10. Yes No Are you currently under indictment or has a district/county attorney accepted an official complaint for any of the offenses in question #9?



11. If the answer is YES to questions 9 or 10, please provide an explanation below:

12. Education background (mark one)

Some high school High school graduate Some college Technical school

College graduate Graduate/professional school other

13. What days of the week are you available to mentor? (check all that apply):

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

14. What is the best time of day for you to mentor? (check all that apply):

Mornings Afternoons Evenings Weekends

15. Do you prefer working with a quiet, reserved child? Yes No No preference

16. Do you prefer working with an outgoing child? Yes No No preference

17. Do you speak a foreign language? Yes No If yes, please specify: _____

18. Please list any skills, hobbies or interests you may have:

19. My favorite subject in school was _____

20. My least favorite subject in school was _____

Mentor Agreements (please read carefully before initialing & signing)

____ I understand that seeing my Blue Sky Moments participant consistently is one of the most important things I can do as a mentor, therefore I will commit to seeing my participant one hour a week as scheduled, canceling only in the case of emergency.

____ I understand that all contact with my Blue Sky Moments participant is restricted to the property. I also understand that I am not to transport my participant in any manner.

____ I understand that I might be privy to personal information about my Blue Sky Moments participant and family, which I will keep confidential.

____ If a problem arises in my relationship with my participant, or if my daily schedule, place of employment, residence, or phone number changes, I will notify the Blue Sky Moments staff immediately.

____ In completing this application, I understand that *Blue Sky Acres, Inc.* may randomly perform a criminal background check for the volunteer mentor position for which I am applying. By signing below I give permission for random background checks to be conducted.

____ I understand that *Blue Sky Acres, Inc.* is a Christ-centered, faith-based organization and I am required to sign a statement of faith in order to be considered for the position of volunteer mentor.

I certify to the best of my ability that the information I have provided on this entire application is true and accurate. My initials beside each statement above reflect I have read and understand each one fully. I also understand that any misinformation knowingly provided here is grounds for immediate dismissal from the Blue Sky Moments program.

Sign Name _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

Staff and Mentor Code of Conduct

1. In order to protect BSM program participants, staff and mentors, at no time may a staff person or mentor be alone with a child where a staff member or mentor cannot be observed by others.
2. Mentors and staff will never leave a child unsupervised.
3. Mentors and staff will never take a child to the restroom alone.
4. Mentors and staff will not abuse children and supervise corporal punishment of any kind. This includes physical abuse, verbal abuse, sexual abuse, mental abuse, or neglect. Any type of abuse will not be tolerated and is cause for dismissal.
5. Mentors and staff will use positive techniques of guidance, including positive reinforcement, redirection, and encouragement rather than anger, condescending words, and harsh criticism.
6. Mentors and staff will respect a child's right to not be touched in ways that make them feel uncomfortable. A child's right to say "NO" is to be encouraged and respected. Children are not to be touched in areas on their bodies that would be covered by a bathing suit.
7. Mentors and staff will not give gifts or special favors to individual children, including birthdays and/or holidays.
8. Mentors and staff will not have any form of private interaction through social media, computer or handheld devices with any children in the program.
9. Pictures will not be taken of any child by mentors. Only BSM staff will take photos if given written permission by the parent/guardian ahead of time.
10. Mentors and staff will respond to children with respect and consideration and treat all children equally regardless of gender, race, religion, sexual identity, or culture.
11. Possessing, using or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs on the property is strictly prohibited.
12. Profanity, inappropriate jokes, and any kind of harassment are prohibited.
13. Staff and mentors are not to transport children alone in their own vehicles.
14. Under no circumstances should staff or mentors release children to anyone other than the authorized parent, guardian or other adult authorized by the parent or guardian. Exceptions made will require written parent authorization to be put on file with *Blue Sky Acres, Inc.*
15. Mentors and staff are required to report any suspicion of child abuse to the *Blue Sky Acres* Executive Director or Program Director as well as the proper authorities.

***I understand that any violation of this Code of Conduct may result in immediate dismissal.**

Sign Name _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

Blue Sky Acres Statement of Faith

Blue Sky Acres, Inc. (BSA) is a faith-based organization founded upon Christian principles as stated in the Word of God. Members of the board, staff, and volunteers who mentor in the Foster Care program indicate their personal agreement with the BSA statement of faith by signing below.

- ◆ We believe in the one true God and the saving grace of His son, Jesus Christ. There is only one true God who exists eternally in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (***Deut. 6:4, 1 Timothy 2:5-6, Acts 4:10-12, Matthew 28:19***)
- ◆ We believe the Holy Bible to be the inspired, infallible and authoritative source of Christian faith and practice. The Bible is a supreme revelation from God, superior to conscience, reason, tradition and experience. (***2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:20-21***)
- ◆ We believe that the only hope for man is to trust in Jesus Christ, the virgin born Son of God, fully God and fully man. Through faith in Christ's life, death and resurrection mankind is redeemed. (***Matthew 1:18-25, John 3:16, 1 Corinthians 15:3-5, Romans 10:9***)
- ◆ We believe that salvation is by grace through faith alone. No amount of good works will produce justification before God. We further believe that the manifestation of faith and grace is a holy life expressed with a repentant heart through righteous works. (***Ephesians 2:8, Galatians 2:16, James 1:22, James 2:14-17***)
- ◆ We believe that eternal life in heaven is the gift for all who believe and receive Jesus Christ as their Lord. In the same way, those who do not trust and believe in Christ are eternally separated from God in hell. (***Matthew 25:45-46, John 3:16, 1 John 5:13***)
- ◆ We believe that God is the ultimate authority by reason of the fact that He is creator and sustainer of the entire universe. (***Genesis 1:1, Isaiah 40:28, Acts 17:24-28, Colossians 1:16-17***)
- ◆ We believe that God created man in His own image: male and female. He ordained marriage between one man and one woman. (***Genesis 1:27, Genesis 2:22-24, Matthew 19:4-6***)
- ◆ We believe that people are designed to worship God and serving others is a form of worship. (***Matthew 5:16, 1 Peter 2:12***)

Signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____