



June 13 - June 21, 2026

#RTHChicago2026

Student/Minor Application

This application is only for students age 18 or younger who are outreach participants and live with a parent/guardian.

Only for students completing grades 9 - 12 in the Spring of 2026.

Any leader or participant age 19 or older (or 18-year-olds who live independently) must complete the Adult/Leader Application.

Registration Deadline: April 17, 2026*

* Applications must be postmarked by April 17, 2026.

All incomplete applications and their deposit/payment will be rejected and returned to the applicant.

A late fee charge *will not apply* if the rejected application is sent back completed *prior* to the registration deadline of April 17, 2026.

A late fee charge *will apply* if the rejected application is sent back completed *after* the registration deadline of April 17, 2026.

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Registration and Payment

TOTAL	INCLUDED	NOT INCLUDED (This is at your own expense. We suggest bringing about \$200.00)
\$650.00* (Make checks payable to Reach the Heart)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Housing Meals on June 14-19 4 Ministry Shirts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meals for all travel days (June 13 & 21) Meals ALL day June 20 L Train pass for the entire day on June 20 (utilize and download Chicago's public transportation app Ventra for this day)

*Applicants Registering with a Church Group:

- ❖ Please hand in your application and send all payments to the church you will be attending with.
- ❖ Do adhere to the church's deadline you are registering with.
- ❖ We will not accept payment for applicants attending with church groups.

DUE DATE	REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS All applications will be treated on a first-come, first-served basis.
April 17, 2026*	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Application (must entirely complete the following):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Participation Information <input type="checkbox"/> Participant Questionnaire <input type="checkbox"/> Reach Chicago Guidelines <input type="checkbox"/> Consent, Certification, and Medical Authorization <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Questionnaire <input type="checkbox"/> Consent, Certification, and Assumption of Risk <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Treatment Authorization <input type="checkbox"/> Authorization for Background and/or Criminal Records Check <input type="checkbox"/> Pastor's Recommendation (Not to be completed by the applicant. Separately sealed if included with your application or sent separately to Reach the Heart.) <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$225.00 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT (Make checks payable to Reach the Heart) (Full payment of \$650.00 is appreciated at the time of registration.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A late fee of \$25.00 (for all applications received after the due date, equaling a non-refundable deposit of \$250.00)</p>
MAY 28, 2026*	<p><input type="checkbox"/> \$425.00 NON-REFUNDABLE REMAINING BALANCE (Make checks payable to Reach the Heart)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A late fee of \$25.00 (for all unpaid balances after the due date, equaling a non-refundable remaining balance of \$450.00) If full payment was received on the first due date, this date does not apply.</p>

Please send all pages listed above fully completed and to the following address:

**Reach the Heart
Attn: Reach Chicago
P.O. Box 10265
Fargo, ND 58106**

Receipt of application at any time does not guarantee acceptance. Students will be notified via email when they have been accepted. Please add reachtheheartoffice@gmail.com to your contacts to prevent missing important information.

If for any reason you are NOT accepted to attend Reach the Heart's Reach Chicago trip, your deposit will be returned to you. However, your deposit and any remaining balance will not be returned to you if you are accepted, but choose to not attend. YOU MUST notify Reach the Heart at reachtheheartoffice@gmail.com or by calling (701) 446-8342 or (701) 305-0513 if you choose to no longer attend.

If your church sends a donation to help make it possible for you to attend this trip, please make sure that they specify for whom they are sending money.

Packing List

The following guidelines are to be followed by every participant. Do not hand in this list with your application. Due to limited space, ALL students & adults are only allowed ONE SUITCASE/BAG & ONE PURSE/BACKPACK!

PACK THIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Clothing for 9 days (the following are non-negotiable and must be followed): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> LONG shorts (mid-thigh or longer) <input type="checkbox"/> Crew neck T-shirts (may get dirty/ruined, cropped tops prohibited) <input type="checkbox"/> Pants for work projects (old jeans, old gym shorts, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Socks & Underwear for 9 days <input type="checkbox"/> 2 pairs of tennis shoes (required for all ministry activities) (if one pair gets soaked, you will have a backup) <input type="checkbox"/> Shower shoes <input type="checkbox"/> Two sets of modest clothing for downtown Chicago <input type="checkbox"/> Travel clothes for the trip to and from Chicago (cropped tops prohibited) <input type="checkbox"/> Modest Pajamas <input type="checkbox"/> Long Sleeves to wear UNDER your ministry shirts on cold/rainy days (this is REQUIRED) <input type="checkbox"/> Bible <input type="checkbox"/> Notebook/Journal & Pen <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries (Shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant, toothbrush & toothpaste, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Towels & washcloths (NOT PROVIDED) <input type="checkbox"/> Bedding (NOT PROVIDED) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pillow, sleeping bag/sheets/blanket <input type="checkbox"/> A cot or air mattress (if you choose not to bring one, you will be sleeping on a gym floor the entire trip) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * SPACE IS LIMITED: If bringing a queen-size air mattress, you will be required to share. ** Beds should only take up ONE space to ensure adequate room for all fellow team members. It will be tight! <input type="checkbox"/> Spending Money (we suggest about \$200) <input type="checkbox"/> Water Bottle
OPTIONAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Cell phone & charger (Instructions of use will be announced on the trip) <input type="checkbox"/> Ear pods/headphones (not allowed to have during work projects, VBS, or evening rallies) <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight <input type="checkbox"/> Dirty clothes bag <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses (not allowed during work projects, VBS, or night rallies) <input type="checkbox"/> Bug repellent <input type="checkbox"/> Bathing suit (must be modest) & towel if you plan to swim at the lake on free day
PROHIBITED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knives (all types and all sizes) • Weapons of any type, including chains, knives, firearms, and spiked jewelry • Alcohol, drugs, illegal substances, or any paraphernalia associated with drug use • Pepper spray/Mace

*Do not bring anything too valuable. If you do bring valuables, **you are responsible to hide them in your luggage when they are not in use**. Do not leave items lying around unattended.

WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS.

Clothing

The following clothing guide is for everyone – students and adults, both guys and girls.

All participants not adhering to the guidelines the Outreach leadership has set will be required to change. At all times, modest dress is required! We are representatives of Christ and should provide a great example to those around us. We do not want to bring attention to ourselves but rather to what we are doing.

SHOES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Open-toed shoes, such as SANDALS (flip flops, camping/hiking style sandals, etc.) <u>ARE NOT PERMITTED DURING WORK PROJECTS, VBS, OR NIGHT RALLIES</u>. This is for your safety.Please wear closed-toed shoes/sneakers.We insist on this and will require you to change.
SHIRTS, SWEATSHIRTS, AND JACKETS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Modest shirts must be worn at all times - for both guys and girls!Shirts/t-shirts with sleeves should be worn during all ministry times.Modest tank-tops can be worn during work projects and days off.No tight, see-through, crops or low-cut shirts.Under no circumstances are you allowed to cut off the sleeves of the ministry shirts we provide!Sweatshirts and jackets are allowed <u>ONLY UNDERNEATH</u> ministry shirts if the weather is wet or cold. <p>(Because you are on a mission trip, the people we minister to and the leadership need to be able to identify you by your shirt. We insist on this rule and will ask you to remove your sweatshirt or jacket.)</p>
SHORTS/PANTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Shorts must be long enough to cover your butt well, <u>even when bending over</u>. Shorts/pants must also be high enough to cover your underwear <u>even when bending over</u>. <u>Biker shorts are prohibited</u>.Ministry and work projects will have a lot of bending! ;)Yoga pants and leggings (with longer shirts) <u>are only acceptable for travel days and the free day</u>.
ACCESSORIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Bandanas, or headbands that mimic bandanas, are only acceptable for work projects (for sweat control) and are not allowed during ministry times - including as hair accessories.
CHANGING	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Changing must not be done in public areas or areas that are accessible by the other gender.Change in the restrooms/shower area.
WORK CLOTHES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Bring work clothes!There are a variety of work projects, such as cleaning, lawn care, and painting. Wear clothes you will not care about ruining.

Itinerary

Saturday June 13, 2026	6:00 AM: Meet in Fargo. The meeting location will be communicated in the acceptance email. Arrive in Chicago around 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Sunday June 14, 2026	Morning: Prayer & witness walk
	Morning to afternoon: Service at Chicago City Life Center (5501 S La Salle St., Chicago, IL 60621)
	Afternoon: Lunch, team assignments, and week overview
	Evening: Dinner and evening hang out at church
Monday June 15, 2026 through Friday June 19, 2026	Morning: Breakfast, worship, and service
	Morning to afternoon: Various work projects
	Afternoon: Lunch and VBS (Vacation Bible School)
	Evening: Dinner and evening rallies
Saturday June 20, 2026	Day off / Free day: Taking the day off and heading into the city of Chicago to spend the day in groups with chaperones/leaders doing various activities (tourist attractions, Lincoln Park Zoo, museums, baseball games, shopping, etc.) Please see below for direction on spending money Evening: Everyone will meet at one central location and head back to the church
Sunday June 21, 2026	Depart Chicago at approximately 8:00 AM Arrive in Fargo around 9:00 PM - 12:00 AM (midnight) depending on the length of time spent on travel stops

All regular meals Sunday - Friday (breakfast, lunch, dinner) will be provided.

Spending Money

SUGGESTED AMOUNT	AT THE EXPENSE OF EACH PARTICIPANT
Around \$200.00	<p>Spending Money Participants Will Need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meals for all travel days (June 13 & 21, approximately \$10 - \$15 per meal) Any activities participants choose to participate in outside of the outreach Mon. - Fri. (snack, coffee, etc.) Meals ALL day June 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approximately \$15-\$30 per meal L-Train Transportation: to and from downtown Chicago for the entire day on June 20 (~\$10.00-day pass to be used for the L-Train system and city buses) <p>Optional Spending Money</p> <p>(Prices are approximate. This is not required money. You will only need it if you wish to participate in the activities listed below. If you cannot afford these "extras," don't worry, you will still have a GREAT TRIP!):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Willis Tower (2nd tallest building in the nation): \$30-\$44 Entrance to a baseball game (White Sox or Chicago Cubs): \$50.00 - \$100.00+ Museums (Shedd Aquarium, Science Museum, etc.): \$25.00+

REACH THE HEART

REACH CHICAGO APPLICATION - 2026

Student/Minor Application

Do not skip over ANY information • All applications must be written in BLACK/BLUE ink

Participant Information

Legal Name: (First) _____ (Middle Initial) _____ (Last) _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Age:** _____ **Gender at Birth:** M / F (Circle One)

Current Grade: _____ (All participants are required to have completed 9th grade for the current school year)

Address: (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

Telephone: (Home) (_____) _____ - _____ (Cell) (_____) _____ - _____

Email (Utilized to send confirmation/balance info): _____

Father/Guardian Name: (First) _____ (Last) _____ **Phone:** (____) _____ - _____

Mother/Guardian Name: (First) _____ (Last) _____ **Phone:** (____) _____ - _____

Home Church Name: _____ **Lead/Senior Pastor:** _____

Length of time attending present church: _____

T-Shirt Size (circle one):

S

M

L

XL

XXL

OTHER: _____

Participant Questionnaire

In what ministries are you currently involved?

Are you interested in serving on the worship team? Yes No

If yes, please provide the area (ex. Acoustic guitar, electric guitar, bass, drums, keys/piano, vocals, sound, ProPresenter, etc.) you wish to serve and your level of experience (ex. 5 years experience). Our Reach the Heart administration will be in contact if chosen.

(Questionnaire continued)

Why do you want to participate in this outreach? (Please use additional paper if needed.)

When did you accept Christ as your personal Savior?

What would you tell a person who wanted to receive Christ as Lord and Savior?

All applications will be reviewed carefully and prayerfully as we select those who will attend "Reach Chicago." We are looking for people who are serious about being stretched.

Below are 4 key verses we recommend you to memorize and know:

1. John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

2. Romans 3:23

"...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..."

3. Romans 6:23

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

4. 1 John 1:9

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

*I have read all guidelines, and by signing this application,
I am promising to adhere to ALL guidelines if chosen to attend.*

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Reach Chicago Guidelines

Please read and initial the following rules to show that you understand your responsibilities.

Team Effort Our team will be working as a unit. Therefore, it is necessary that you cooperate in every way regarding punctuality, private and group devotions, team prayer meetings and services, and personal prayer for other team members. Please compliment and encourage one another OFTEN.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 **(Initial)** _____

Hours Please obey all lights-out times, as well as wake-up times. Our schedule has been designed to enable the entire team to reach each destination on time and to allow you enough rest each evening. Please be involved in personal and group devotions at the times designated.

Philippians 2:4, Matthew 25:23 **(Initial)** _____

Language Please no sarcasm, cutting remarks, bad language, and complaining.

Philippians 2:14 **(Initial)** _____

Dating Avoid starting a relationship with someone during this trip. If you are presently dating someone who will be going to Chicago, we expect you to follow the same guidelines. There will be no public displays of affection (holding hands, prolonged hugs, kissing, dancing, etc.).

(Initial) _____

Culture Please understand that even though you will be in the U.S.A. on this trip, it is necessary that you respect the customs and traditions of those to whom you minister. Conduct yourself in a respectful manner at all times. Always travel in groups of three or more.

Matthew 5:14-16 **(Initial)** _____

Clothing Clothing MUST be modest. Please read the section on proper dress and clothing on page 5, then initial here.

(Initial) _____

Authority You must listen to and respect ALL authority. Please think before you ask questions. Try to avoid inquiring "Why?" and "How come?" You must be a servant on this trip. Be willing to serve and help out in any way possible. Please offer assistance in every situation that requires help.

Hebrews 13:7 & 17 **(Initial)** _____

Vans Please keep the vans clean at all times. Do not throw your garbage on the floor. Throw all trash in the van garbage bag or throw it in a trash can at the next destination.

(Initial) _____

Parental Consent, Certification and Medical Authorization for Dependent Children

Parents or legal guardians of dependent children are required to complete this form. The information requested is designed to assist Reach the Heart in providing the safety of participants during this trip. *This form is not valid if completed by the dependent child.*

This form must be completed by the parent or legal guardian of the dependent child listed below.

General Information

(All information must be filled out completely. This form is not valid if completed by the dependent child.)

Dependent's Name: (First) _____ (Middle Initial) _____ (Last) _____ DOB: _____
Dependent's Address: (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____
Dependent's Father's Name: (First) _____ (Last) _____
Father's Phone #: (Home) (_____) _____ - _____ and/or (Cell) (_____) _____ - _____
Father's Email Address: _____
Dependent's Mother's Name: (First) _____ (Last) _____
Mother's Phone #: (Home) (_____) _____ - _____ and/or (Cell) (_____) _____ - _____
Mother's Email Address: _____
Preferred Emergency Contact Name: (First) _____ (Last) _____
Emergency Contact Phone #: (Home) (_____) _____ - _____ and/or (Cell) (_____) _____ - _____
Family Doctor: _____ Dr.'s Phone #: (_____) _____ - _____

Insurance Company Covering Dependent Child

Please mark here if the applicant does not have insurance

Insurance Provider Name: _____ Policy #: _____

Medical Questionnaire

(All information must be filled out completely. Circle all yes or no answers.)

1. Are you presently being treated for an injury or sickness or taking any form of medication for any reason? Yes No
If yes, explain and list any/all medications: _____
2. Is your child allergic to any type of medication? Yes No
If yes, explain and list any/all medications: _____
3. Does your child medically require a special diet? Yes No
If yes, explain and list any/all medications: _____
4. Does your child have any allergies other than medical (i.e. foods, etc.)? Yes No
If yes, explain and list any/all medications: _____
5. Does your child have (or has ever had) any of the following: (circle all that apply and explain below):
Seizures Asthma Heart Murmur Diabetes Hay Fever Kidney Disease Other: _____
Explain: _____
6. Does your child ever sleepwalk? Yes No
7. Can your child swim? Yes No
8. Does your child have any physical conditions or illnesses which would prevent him/her from participating in normal, rigorous activity? Yes No
If yes, explain and list any/all medications: _____

Consent, Certification and Assumption of Risk

I, the undersigned, being the parent or legal guardian of the dependent child named above, do hereby consent to the dependent child's participation on Reach the Heart's 2026 Reach Chicago trip, including, but not limited to, all the activities customarily associated with this trip. I am aware of the hazards and risks associated with such a trip including, but not limited to, death or injury by accident, disease, terrorist acts, weather conditions, inadequate medical services and supplies, criminal activity, and random acts of violence.

Further, I certify that the dependent child is physically fit and adequately trained to participate in such a trip. I understand that while the above-named dependent child participates in these activities, he or she is responsible to comply with all orders and directives of the team leader and/or agent(s) in charge of the project.

I am aware of the hazards and risks to my dependent child and his or her property associated with serving in a missions capacity, such hazards and risks including, but not being limited to, death or injury by accident, disease, war, terrorist acts, weather conditions, inadequate medical services and supplies, criminal activity, and random acts of violence. I accept my child's assignment with full awareness of these risks, and I voluntarily assume all risk of death, injury, illness, and damage to my dependent child associated with such assignments, and any damage to his or her personal property. I further recognize that such risks have always been associated with missionary service.

(2 Corinthians 11:23-28)

I waive and release any and all claims for damages which I, or my heirs or successors, may have against Reach the Heart, the local church sponsoring this trip, or any agents, representatives, employees, volunteers, and contractors of this organization, arising from my dependent child's death, injury or illness, or any property damage/loss occurring during the term of his or her assignment or as a result of his or her assignment.

I do hereby assume all risk of death, illness, or injury that my child may suffer as a result of said assignment, from those causes described above.

I expressly waive any defense to the enforcement of any provisions of this commitment arising from a claim of lack of consideration, and warrant that this commitment constitutes a legal, valid, and binding obligation upon me, enforceable against me in accordance with its terms.

PICTURES/VIDEOS

I authorize Reach the Heart to use my child's likeness in photographs or video in any and all of its publications and other media. I will make no monetary or other claims against Reach the Heart for the use of such photos or videos.

Medical Treatment Authorization

I understand that I will be notified in the case of a medical emergency involving my dependent child. However, in the event that I cannot be reached, I authorize the calling of a doctor and the provision of necessary medical services in the event my dependent child is injured or becomes ill. I authorize the director or properly appointed staff to make emergency medical care decisions on behalf of my child if required by law or a health care provider.

I agree to notify Reach the Heart in the event of any health changes that would restrict my dependent child's participation in this trip. I understand that the adult supervisors reserve the right to restrict my dependent child from any activity that they do not feel is within the physical capabilities of my dependent child.

I expressly agree that this assumption of risk and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by law. I further state that I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE FOREGOING ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS, AND I VOLUNTARILY SIGN THIS RELEASE FOR MY CHILD AS MY OWN FREE ACT.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

ALL FORMS MUST BE NOTARIZED IF YOU ARE UNDER THE AGE OF 18 OR UNDER YOUR PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) HEALTH INSURANCE REGARDLESS IF YOU ARE 18 YEARS OR OLDER.

FOR NOTARY USE:

State of _____ ss.

County of _____

Subscribed and sworn that on this _____ day of _____, 202____, before me personally appeared _____, and executed and acknowledged the foregoing instrument.

(NOTARIAL SEAL)

Notary Public

My Commission Expiration

Pastor's Recommendation Form

The referring pastor **MUST BE** unrelated to the applicant and must have known the applicant for a period of time. Please return this form directly to the applicant in a **SEALED AND SIGNED** envelope so that they may submit all components together in one packet or you may mail to: Reach the Heart, Attn: Reach Chicago, PO Box 10265, Fargo, ND 58106. If you have any questions, email reachtheheartoffice@gmail.com.

Pastor Name: _____ Church Name: _____

Staff Position: _____ Church Phone: _____

Church Address: (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

Contact Phone: _____ Email: _____

Applicant's First & Last Name: _____

How long have you known the applicant and how well do you know him/her?

Do you have any concerns with this individual working with children/minors or know any reason why this person should not be approved to work with children/minors? YES NO

If yes, please explain or provide contact information and we will contact you for a private conversation:

Please assess the applicant in the following areas:

	Uncertain	Needs Work	Fair	Good	Outstanding
Devotion to Jesus Christ	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Ability to Work With Others	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Teachability	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Emotional Stability	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Physical Health	<input type="checkbox"/>				

Do you recommend this applicant for Reach the Heart: Reach Chicago 2026? (Circle one of the following)

Highly Recommend Recommend Recommend with reservations* Do not recommend*

*Please explain: _____

Additional comments: _____

Pastor's Signature

Date (MM/DD/YY)