

# Next Gen Volunteer Agreement

1. **Volunteers commit to be faithful in praying for the ministry and children/youth God brings to Gateway.** (Colossians 4:2)
2. **Volunteers will be in agreement with the EPCs “Essentials of Our Faith” and Gateway’s Mission Statement.** Both can be found at [www.gatewayepc.org](http://www.gatewayepc.org) in the “New to Gateway” section. The EPC has a motto: In essentials, unity; in nonessentials, liberty; in all things, love. We consider our core beliefs to be essential and want to make certain we are on the same page with what we teach our children.
3. **Volunteers will have been regularly attending Gateway at least six months before serving.** We want to be sure volunteers are committed to Gateway and will be committed to our Next Gen ministry.
4. **Volunteers will be committed to Gateway Church as a faithful disciple – attending worship regularly, participating in (or moving toward joining) a Life Group, spending time in prayer and reading the Word, and in giving of their talents, time and resources.** We need volunteers who are serving out the overflow in their lives. You need to be spiritually fed and church attendance is a big part of that. We expect you are attending worship services even on weekends you are scheduled to serve.
5. **Volunteers will live a Christ-honoring life.** As volunteers in Gateway’s Next Gen ministry, you are a role model for the children and youth of Gateway. We expect our volunteers to be living a lifestyle which reflects our values as Christ followers. (faithful in marriage, pure in singleness, gentle, self-controlled, not addicted to drugs or alcohol – see 1 Timothy 3:2-12) This includes your social media presence; please be careful and respectful of what you post online, and remember that young eyes are watching. Consuming, using, possessing, or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs while working with youth/children is prohibited. Likewise, being impaired by legally prescribed drugs while volunteering is also prohibited.
6. **Volunteers will arrive at least 20 minutes before their designated service starts.** Volunteers who show up early send a positive message to guests and regular attenders that we value what we do in our Next Gen ministry. Volunteers who show up early aren’t stressed when kids/families arrive early. Volunteers who show up early are available to pray for one another and help out as needed. Volunteers who show up early do not stress out the Next Gen staff!
7. **Volunteers will attend all worker’s meetings and trainings.** We don’t hold many, so we expect attendance when a training *is* scheduled.
8. **Volunteers will switch serving shifts or secure a sub when they know in advance they will be absent.** We know things will occasionally come up (i.e. Illness or death in the family) where you will have to unexpectedly miss a scheduled shift, but we need volunteers who will plan ahead and keep their commitments whenever possible.
9. **Volunteers will be neat in their appearance.** Dress appropriately for the job you are called to in non-revealing attire that edifies the Body of Christ.

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I understand how precious children and youth are to God and consider it a privilege to serve in the Next Gen ministry. I have read the Volunteer Guidebook and understand the expectations of a Next Gen ministry volunteer at Gateway, and I commit to meeting these expectations to the best of my ability.

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Name (print)

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Date

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Signature

***Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14)***

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