



2025 Student Application

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**Child Evangelism Fellowship
of Alabama, Inc.**

CEF of Greater Birmingham Alabama



Please mail applications to:

P.O. Box 360932
Hoover, AL 35236

Or email to: CEfbhamal@gmail.com

Question?

Email or call 205-542-8169 (Birmingham area) or 832-561-3328 (Tuscaloosa area)!

Greetings, prospective CYIA'er!

We're very excited about our upcoming summer ministries. CYIA is designed for Christian teens ages 13-19 (13 by June 1, 2025). We're excited that you would like to serve the Lord with us!

Thank you for taking the time to read and fill out this application. This will help us get to know you better and to get you plugged into the exciting things that will happen this summer!

On behalf of the CEF staff,
CEF of Alabama

IMPORTANT DATES

**Local deadline for application:
April 19, 2025.**


**Your chapter will give you
dates for your interview and
pre-CYIA training.**

**June 6-12
(Fri-Thur)**




CYIA TRAINING
Raleigh's Place
Clanton, AL

APPLYING FOR CYIA

We'd like to get to know you better! This application helps us do that. Please fill it out and turn in to your CEF Local Chapter as soon as possible.

Your complete application includes the pieces listed below. You'll notice that you'll need help from other people to complete some pieces. To help you find those sections, we've marked them with this symbol: 

You can use this checklist to keep track of the parts of your application.

- Personal Information
- Christian Life
- Read CYIA Code of Conduct
- Summer Ministry
- Statement of Faith
- Medical Information 
- Signatures 
- Background Check 

REGISTRATION FEE

CYIA training is June 6-12 (Friday-Thursday) conducted by CEF of Alabama.

CEF of Greater Birmingham AL's total CYIA fee (training, teaching kit, and shirts):

\$450 (value of \$650/\$700).

This amount is due to your chapter no later than May 10, 2025, if you choose to pay. Or we will help you raise the funds for the chapter. We will provide a CEF letter for you to mail to friends, family, your church, etc.

CYIA Student Application

1 PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Legal Name:

(First / Middle / Last)

Nickname: _____

(If you like to go by a name other than your full first name, like "Gen" instead of "Genevieve")

Home Phone #: _____

Parent Cell #: _____

Cell #: _____ Best phone # to contact you: _____

Best way to contact you (phone, Facebook, email, text, etc.) _____

Mailing Address: _____

City State ZIP: _____

Parent Email: _____

Name of parent(s)/guardian(s): _____

Birthdate (M/D/Y): _____

Age as of June 1, 2025: _____

Soc Sec #: _____

(Required. Needed for employment, background, and tax forms)

Year in school as of January 2025: _____

Grad Year: _____

School name: _____

T-shirt size (adult men's size S-2XL): _____

How did you find out about CYIA? (Check all that apply)

A friend

CEF staff

Church/pastor

Other _____

2 CHRISTIAN LIFE

Your relationship with God

Have you received the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Savior? _____

If you responded "yes" to the question above, please respond to the following two questions in the space provided. (If you need more space, please attach an additional sheet of paper.)

How did you come to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior? (Please give a detailed answer)

Please share how you are growing in your relationship with Jesus Christ. How is God working in your life right now?

Your relationships with other Christians

Are you involved in a local church? _____

If you responded yes, please complete the following:

Church Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Email Address _____

Senior Pastor's Name _____

Youth Pastor/Leader's Name _____

Are you involved in any other Christian organizations? (Campus Life, Awana, LYC, Youth For Christ, etc.)

_____ If yes, please list: _____

3 SUMMER MINISTRY

We'd like to know some more about you so we can help you serve as an effective summer missionary!

Why do you want to serve as a summer missionary (CYIA'er) this summer?

Please list any special training, abilities, and/or interests you have.
(For example: guitar, baseball, web design, writing, etc.)

Please list any teaching and/or leadership experience you have.
(For example: Student Council, team captain, Sunday school teacher or helper, etc.)

Are you willing to work together with others as a team? _____

Are you willing to respectfully follow the leadership of CEF staff and other leaders, even if you do not agree with them in every situation? _____

4 Child Evangelism Fellowship® Statement of Faith

It's important that we know the Biblical basis for the truth we are teaching. Please read CEF's Statement of Faith on the following page. Then read and sign this page.

Doctrinal Protection Policy

Adopted by CEF International Board of Trustees
May 6, 2002

Child Evangelism Fellowship® continues in its commitment to its Statement of Faith, which embodies the non-negotiable and historic beliefs of evangelical Christians.

Within the community of evangelical believers various distinctives exist which do not prevent our fellowship in the Lord and our effectiveness as child evangelists.

We therefore resolve that *CEF*® workers are qualified by their unreserved commitment to CEF's Statement of Faith and their further commitment in all *CEF* activities to refrain from teaching or otherwise advocating doctrinal distinctives either contrary to or in addition to the Statement of Faith.

Child Evangelism Fellowship Ministry Compliance Agreement

(Updated March 2011)

Recognizing the spiritual need of boys and girls in our community and around the world, I would like to assist in the work of *Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF)*.

I understand that *CEF* is without specific denominational affiliation, and have read the Statement of Faith and *CEF* Doctrinal Protection Policy. In becoming a coworker with *CEF*, and in order to protect the ministry, I agree not to propagate or practice in *CEF* ministries any distinctive or controversial doctrines, methods and practices that would go beyond the *CEF* Statement of Faith and the approved *CEF* curriculum. These would include but not be limited to such things as modes of baptism, speaking in tongues, interpretation of Scripture by experience, healing on demand, etc. I understand that anyone who does not adhere to this agreement cannot serve with *CEF* as paid staff or volunteer.

In teaching Bible lessons in core *CEF* programs I will use exclusively materials approved by *CEF*. In offering my services I trust the Lord to make me a faithful servant, and should problems arise between *CEF* and me that cannot be fully reconciled, I will quietly withdraw to preserve the harmony essential to having an effective Christian witness.

By signing below, I indicate:

- My agreement with the Statement of Faith, and that
- I will abide by the above Worker's Compliance Agreement, and that
- I will abide by the policies of CEF as long as I am actively involved.

(Only applicable in the USA):

- I have reviewed the Protecting Today's Child presentation (866-878-4182 or www.cefonline.com/childprotection) in the last 12 months.

Signed (teen) _____

Date _____

Name (teen) _____

Church Affiliation _____

Address _____

Child Evangelism Fellowship® Statement of Faith

WE BELIEVE -

That "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God," by which we understand the whole book called THE BIBLE; that it is inerrant in the original writing and that its teaching and authority are absolute, supreme and final. That the Holy Spirit guided the holy men of old in all that they wrote. 2 Timothy 3:16; Deuteronomy 4:2; 2 Peter 1:21
The Godhead eternally exists in three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. These three are one God, having the same nature, attributes and perfection. Romans 1:20; Matthew 28:19; Deuteronomy 4:35; John 17:5

In the personality and Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, begotten of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, truly God and truly man. John 1:1, 14; 10:30; Matthew 1:20; Luke 1:30,31; Philippians 2:5-7; 1 Timothy 3:16; Colossians 1:19

In the personality and Deity of the Holy Spirit, the source and power of all acceptable worship and service, the infallible interpreter of the infallible Word, who indwells every true believer, and is ever present to testify of Christ, seeking to occupy us with Him and not with ourselves or our experiences. John 15:26; Acts 5:3-4; 1:8; Romans 8:26-27; 1 Corinthians 2:12,14; Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 12:13; John 16:13-14

That man was created in the image of God, after His likeness, as stated in the Word of God, but the whole human race fell in the fall of the first Adam. Not only was his moral nature grievously injured by the fall but he totally lost all spiritual life, becoming dead in trespasses and sins, and subject to the power of the devil. "The carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then, they that are in the flesh cannot please God" (Romans 8:7,8). Therefore, he cannot see nor enter the kingdom of God until he is born again by the Holy Spirit. That no degree of reformation however great, no attainment in morality however high, no culture however attractive, no humanitarian and philanthropic schemes and societies however useful, no baptism or other ordinance however administered, can help the sinner to take even one step toward Heaven; but a new nature imparted from above, a new life implanted by the Holy Spirit through the Word is absolutely essential to salvation. Genesis 1:26-27; Romans 5:12; Ephesians 2:1-3; John 3:3,6,7; Titus 3:5

That Jesus Christ became the sinner's substitute before God, and died as a propitiatory sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. That He was made a curse for the sinner, dying for his sins according to the Scriptures; that no repentance, no feeling, no faith, no good resolutions, no sincere efforts, no submission to the rules and regulations of any church can add in the very least to the value of the precious blood or to the merit of that finished work wrought for us by Him, who tasted death for every man. 1 John 2:2; Hebrews 2:9; Galatians 3:13; Romans 3:25; 4:4-5; 5:8; Colossians 1:13-14,20-21

In the resurrection of the crucified body of Jesus Christ; that His body was raised from the dead according to the Scriptures, and that He ascended into Heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God as the believer's high priest and advocate. Luke 24:39; Acts 1:10-11; Ephesians 4:10; Hebrews 1:3; 1 John 2:1

That Christ in the fullness of the blessings He has secured by His death and resurrection is received by faith alone and that the moment we trust in Him as our Savior we pass out of death into everlasting life, justified from all things, accepted before the Father according to the measure of His acceptance, loved as He is loved and made one with Him. At the time of acceptance of Christ as Savior, He comes to dwell within the believer and to live out His life of holiness and power through him. Hebrews 9:15; John 5:24; Romans 3:28; 4:3,23-25; Ephesians 1:3; John 17:23; Galatians 2:20; 4:6-7; 5:16; Acts 1:8

That the Church is composed of all those who truly believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior. It is the body and bride of Christ. That every believer, whether Jew or Gentile, is baptized into the body of Christ by the Holy Spirit, and having thus become members of one another we are responsible to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, rising above all sectarian prejudices and denominational bigotry and loving one another with a pure heart fervently. Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:19-22; 1 Corinthians 12:22-27; 1:10-13; Romans 12:4-5; Ephesians 4:3-6; 5:32; Philippians 2:1-5; Galatians 5:13-15

That all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ are called into a life of separation from worldly and sinful practices, and should abstain from such amusements and habits as will cause others to stumble, or bring reproach upon the cross of Christ. Believers are created in Christ Jesus unto good works. "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" (Galatians 6:10). 1 John 2:15-16; Romans 13:14; 14:13; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Ephesians 2:10

In the evangelization of the world, that the supreme mission of the people of God in this age is to preach the Gospel to every creature. That special emphasis should be placed upon the evangelization of children. Mark 16:15; 2 Corinthians 5:18-19; Matthew 18:14

In the personal return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, that the coming again of Jesus Christ is the "blessed hope" set before us, for which we should be constantly looking. "Our citizenship is in Heaven from whence we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Philippians 3:20). Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; John 14:1-3; Titus 2:13; Philippians 3:20-21

That the souls of those who have trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation do at death immediately pass into His presence, and there remain in conscious bliss until the resurrection of the body at His coming, when soul and body reunited shall be with Him forever in glory. Luke 23:43; 2 Corinthians 5:8; Luke 16:22,25; Philippians 1:23; 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18

That the souls of the lost remain after death in misery until the final judgment of the great white throne, when soul and body reunited at the resurrection shall be cast "into the lake of fire" which is "the second death," to be "punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power" (2 Thessalonians 1:8-9). Luke 16:22-23,27-28; Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 20:5,11-15; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9

In the reality and personality of Satan, "that old serpent, called the devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world" (Revelation 12:9). Ephesians 6:11-12; 1 Peter 5:8; Revelation 20:10

***For this part, you'll need your parents' help.
Please have them read, fill out, & sign this page.***

Please fill out this page completely. Your application will be considered incomplete until we have received this page.

5 MEDICAL INFORMATION P

Student's Name: _____

Medical History

List any illnesses you have had and all medical/physical/special needs conditions you have.

List any prescription medication and over the counter medications/supplements you are currently taking.

List any allergies you have (including food, medication, animals, etc.) or special needs (dyslexia, etc).

If you have any medical or physical conditions that may require accommodation during training or our summer ministries (including 5-Day Clubs), please explain on a separate piece of paper and include with this application. Please fill out all items requested above even if considered minor so that we can best care for your teen while under CEF supervision.

Emergency Contact Information

Primary Contact

Secondary Contact (other than parent/guardian)

Name _____

Name _____

Relation to student _____

Relation to student _____

Daytime Phone # _____

Daytime phone # _____

Evening Phone # _____

Evening phone # _____

Medical Care Release

I am the parent/guardian of the above-named student. I hereby give full permission for emergency medical treatment for my child while he/she is in the care of the staff of Child Evangelism Fellowship of AL, Inc. I understand that every necessary precaution will be taken to ensure my child's safety while participating in the Christian Youth in Action program, including CYIA Training and 5-Day Clubs and related activities.

Signed (parent or guardian) _____ Date _____

Name (printed) _____

Medical Insurance Information

Check here **ONLY** if you do **NOT** have coverage under medical insurance.

Carrier: _____ Subscriber's name: _____

Policy # _____ Health group # _____

For this part, you'll need your parents' help. Please have them read and sign this page.



Model Release

In an effort to promote the ministry, CEF® produces video, print, and online projects for use in educational and/or promotional videos. Before a minor may be photographed and/or videotaped, he/she must have parental/legal guardian consent. By signing below, you are authorizing Child Evangelism Fellowship Inc. to include your child's image and/or voice in CEF promotional and/or educational videos and/or publications.

For parent/legal guardian: By signing below, I give permission for CEF to use my child's image and/or voice in CEF promotional and/or education videos and/or publications. _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

I have reviewed this application and the *CYIA Code of Conduct*. _____

Printed name of parent/guardian: _____

Parent /legal guardian signature: _____

Date: _____

Student Signature

I've read this application and the *CYIA Code of Conduct*. I fully intend to follow these standards and understand the consequences if I choose to do otherwise. _____

Printed name of student: _____

Student signature: _____

Date: _____

BACKGROUND CHECK

Since CYIA'ers represent Jesus Christ, their team members, and CEF while working with children, we require that all applicants complete a background check. The background check includes two parts:

1. personal references
2. criminal record check

Personal references

References are adults who know you well enough that they can talk about your character. Please talk with two adults, including your pastor/youth pastor and one other trusted adult (someone who is not related to you, such as a teacher, employer, or coach). CEF will contact your references. **Please email the separate Student Reference form to both of your references.**

Pastor / Youth Pastor

Name _____ Phone # _____
Email _____

I recommend this student for the Christian Youth in Action (CYIA) program. _____

Signature _____

Other trusted adult

Name _____ Phone # _____
Email _____

What is your relationship with the student? _____ *If other, please explain:* _____

I recommend this student for the Christian Youth in Action (CYIA) program. _____

Signature _____

Criminal record check

CEF policy requires that all workers and volunteers complete a criminal background check. Your CEF Local Chapter will provide the paperwork and procedures for our Background check. This must be completed and on file with the State Office prior to you attending CYIA training or working with children in a CEF ministry. If you are a returning student, we should have this on file unless your information has expired and needs to be rechecked.

Code of Conduct

Representing Jesus Christ as a CEF Summer Missionary

As CYIA students, we represent Jesus Christ while teaching kids about Him! As His representatives, we commit to the following.

We'll seek and honor God

- **We will maintain active prayer and devotional lives.** Daily quiet time with God is essential to our effectiveness, passion, and testimony in ministry.
- **We will honor God with our bodies,** both in the way we dress and in the way we treat our bodies.
 - **Clothing:** The way we present ourselves to children and others impacts our effectiveness at sharing the Gospel. We will dress modestly and in good taste. The following types of apparel are not acceptable:
 - "short shorts" (i.e. above mid-thigh)
 - clothing that reveal undergarments
 - leggings, unless worn with skirt or shorts
 - shirts that reveal midriff
 - spaghetti strap tops
 - anything bearing inappropriate advertisements or logos
 - **Our bodies:** The use of drugs and alcohol is strictly forbidden. If I struggle with any form of self-injury, I will seek immediate counsel and help from CEF staff and other trusted adults.

We'll respect other people

- **We will be on time** for all training classes, meals, duties, and activities.
- **We will consider others when using electronic devices.** We will not use electronic devices (such as iPods and phones) during training or *5-Day Clubs*.
- **We will remain above reproach in our relationships with others.** In order to maintain high standards of Christian conduct, we will not meet alone with a person of the opposite gender unless we are in clear public view.
- **We are responsible to our local CEF staff** in regard to our work assignments and serving throughout the summer under their authority.

We'll strive to do our best

- **In order to serve as a summer missionary, we must complete all assignments at training.** You will be allowed to work as a summer missionary only after all assigned work is satisfactorily completed.

The CEF staff reserves the right to approach you on any of these issues, keeping in mind that the goal for this program is to equip you to effectively minister to children and to grow in your Christian faith. Misconduct and/or violations of these expectations may result in suspension from the CYIA program after proper counseling by the staff.

For this part, you'll need your parents' help. Please have them read and sign this page.



Worker and Parental Agreement

Weekly schedules will be emailed to you as soon as completed, often this will be on the weekend before the week itself. The schedule will include the time and place for drop off at the beginning of the day and pick up at the end of the day. The time will vary week to week and will be based on the club locations for each week; the place for drop off and pick up will be based on the club locations each week. On occasion, a club will be changed for the day/week by those in charge of the location where a club is held. If this happens, drop off and pick up times and places may be affected.

Thank you for your understanding and assistance. In ministry, flexibility is a must, and we ask that all communication about these issues be between the local CEF staff and you as parent or guardian.

Other than emergencies, local CEF staff cannot pick up or drop off a teen from his/her home. The parent or guardian is responsible for dropping off and picking up the teen volunteer or for making arrangements for another to do so.

I, the parent or legal guardian of _____, fully understand and agree to these conditions while my child serves with *Child Evangelism Fellowship of Alabama, Inc. Greater Birmingham Alabama Chapter*.

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed name of parent or guardian _____

Signature of teen _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Parent Phone _____ Parent email _____

CEF of Alabama, Inc. Greater Birmingham AL Summer Ministry Budget (Volunteer Position)

CEF of Greater Birmingham Alabama

Student Name: _____

Student, please read and then initial next to each statement below.

As a Summer Missionary Volunteer with CEF of Alabama, Inc.:

- ___ I understand that I am volunteer serving with CEF of Alabama, Inc. Greater Birmingham AL & will receive no salary.
- ___ I understand I am responsible for raising/covering the cost of my ministry budget as assigned below as a volunteer.
- ___ I understand that I am expected to write a ministry letter to go along with the funding letter from CEF of Alabama, Inc. Greater Birmingham AL and send out 20 letters to friends and family to assist the chapter in meeting my ministry budget.
- ___ I understand that all ministry letters and mailings must be signed and approved by a local staff member.
- ___ I understand that all funds raised go into a general summer missionary account of CEF of Alabama, Inc. Greater Birmingham AL that all ministry budget expenses are covered from as assigned below.
- ___ I will be committing to serve _____ weeks of ministry this summer (2-5 weeks). Weeks of service will be approved by a local staff member.
- ___ I understand that my ministry budget amount is based on the below financial ministry expenses:
- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Training School Fee | (\$300 Required) |
| Summer Ministry Kit/Materials | (\$150 Required) |
| Total Ministry Budget | (\$450) |
- ___ I understand that this volunteer position is only during the summer and at the end of the summer, this position no longer exists. Any further volunteering will be determined after and only after summer.

Summer Missionary Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature (if under 18): _____ Date: _____

Chapter's Staff's Signature: _____ Date: _____

State Director's Signature: _____ Date: _____