**APPLICATION PROCESS**

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR STATE ACTEENS PANEL**

Applicant must:

• be at least 14 years of age and in the ninth grade or above by August 31 of year applying

• be a Christian

• be a church member

• be a member of an Acteens organization

• participate regularly in missions projects, activities, experiences, etc.

• agree to serve from September 1, 2019, through August 31, 2020.

• have parent’s or guardian’s permission to serve as a panelist and fulfill all panelist responsibilities

Note: Panelists will serve a one year term and may serve as many as two years. These do not have to be consecutive years. Panelist must reapply to serve a second term.

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

There are **THREE** parts to this application that you must complete. **Applications are NOT considered complete without ALL of the information requested.**

**1. Applicant Information—**Copy the “Applicant Information” sheet (p. 2 of this application) and fill it out **COMPLETELY**. Please print or type/key.

**2. Questions and Essays—**The “Questions and Essays” sheet (p. 3 of this application) gives instructions for questions you need to answer and essays you need to write as a part of this application. These will tell the Kentucky WMU Youth and College committee about you, your time in Acteens, your involvement in missions, and other information.

**3. Letters of Recommendation—**You need at least three references to complete the application process. The three required references are your pastor, your Acteens leader, and a school teacher. (Don’t forget to list their names and contact information on the “Application Information” sheet.) If any of those people are family members, please provide information for alternate references. The alternate reference(s) should be a church leader who knows you well (youth minister, Sunday School teacher, etc.).

Copy the “Letter of Recommendation” sheet (p. 4 of this application) to give to each of your references. This sheet will tell your references what kinds of information they need to include in their letters. Their responses and comments will be helpful to the selection committee in evaluating your application. The references themselves are responsible for mailing their letters to Kentucky WMU at the address listed on the information sheet. Letters should be received by **August 12, 2019.** If the teacher or other reference doesn’t know what Acteens and/or WMU is, tell him or her!

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION MATERIALS AND REFERENCE FORMS** The deadline for applications and reference letters to arrive at the Kentucky WMU in Louisville, Kentucky, is **August 12, 2019.** Completed applications and reference letters should be mailed to:

**Kentucky Acteens Panel or attached by email to Denise.Gardner@kybaptist.org**

**Kentucky WMU**

**13420 Eastpoint Centre Dr**

**Louisville, KY 40223**

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

**Fill out this page COMPLETELY and include it with all other application materials.**

**Double check that everything on this page is spelled correctly.**

**PLEASE PRINT**

**Name:**

**Mailing Address:**

**City: State/Zip:**

**Home Phone: Cell Phone:**

**Email Address:**

**Age: Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): Grade in School: GPA:**

**Name of Church:**

**PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION**

My daughter has my permission to attend the following Kentucky WMU/Acteens events in 2019-20; Winter Weekend, November 22-23, 2019 at Boone’s Creek Baptist Camp and Kentucky WMU Annual Meeting, April 17-18, 2020 at Richmond, Frist Baptist Church. I/we will arrange for and provide her transportation to and from this event. I/we understand that WMU will provide housing, meals, and chaperones for Acteens Panelists during this event.

**Name of Parent or Guardian (please print):**

**Signature of Parent or Guardian:**

**Home Phone: Cell Phone:**

**Email Address:**

**INFORMATION ABOUT REFERENCES**

Write below the names and contact information for your references.

**Pastor:**

**Phone: Email:**

**Acteens Leader:**

**Phone: Email:**

**School Teacher:**

**Phone: Email:**

**NOTE:** If any of the above people are family members, please provide information for alternate references. The alternate reference(s) should be a church leader who knows you well (youth minister, Sunday School teacher, etc.).

**Name: Position:**

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**QUESTIONS AND ESSAYS**

Please attach all short answer questions to this application. Applications are **NOT** considered complete without all of the information requested. When answering the questions and writing your essays, be as **specific** as possible. We can’t read your mind! Grammar, spelling, etc., are important. Once you’ve finished your application, **proofread everything!** It is advisable that you type/key your responses.

**1. Acteens Involvement**

Answer each of the following questions.

1. How long have you been an Acteens member?

To be a member of the Kentucky Acteens Panel, you must have additional involvement in **one** of the following:

b. Have you worked on MissionsQuestsm? If so, list all of the quests you have completed.

c. Have you served as an Acteens Activator? If so, list when and where and describe what you did.

d. Have you ever helped in a WMU organization (GA®, Mission Friends, Children in Action, RA)? If so, list when and where.

**2. Additional Involvement**

a. List Acteens activities, besides regular meetings, in which you have participated in the past 12 months.

b. List activities, besides Acteens, in which you participate regularly at church and school.

c. Have you gone on any missions trips with your church (other than Acteens Activators trips)? If so, list when and where and describe what you did.

**3. Essays (100 to 300 words)**

Please answer the following questions.

a. How and when did you become a Christian?

b. Why is missions important to you?

c. What is the most meaningful thing you have done in Acteens?

f. In your opinion, what is the value of Acteens for teenage girls?

g. Why do you believe you should be chosen as a Kentucky Acteens Panelist?

**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

**A Note from Kentucky WMU**

The Kentucky Acteens Panel is a group of young women who are interested in missions and impacting their world for Christ. The young women selected as panelists have exhibited a strong commitment to Christ and to missions through their involvement in Acteens, leadership responsibilities in their church and community, and dedication to their academic studies.

You have been asked to write a letter of recommendation for a young woman who is applying to be on the Kentucky Acteens Panel. Your letter of recommendation will be helpful to the committee in evaluating the young woman’s application. Below is a list of questions we would like you to answer about the applicant. Any additional information you want to include is welcome.

**QUESTIONS**

Please provide responses to the following questions in your letter of recommendation. Include your handwritten signature on your letter.

1. What is your relation to the applicant?

2. How long have you known the applicant?

3. Do you believe the applicant should be a Kentucky Acteens Panelist? Why or why not?

4. List specific reasons why the applicant is qualified to be a Kentucky Acteens Panelist. Include leadership characteristics and examples of leadership responsibilities.

**MAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Letters must be received by **August 12, 2019.**

Mail your letter of recommendation to Kentucky WMU at the following address:

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