

Teen Student Teacher Program

In addition to participation in groups, teens have the opportunity to serve as group leaders in SEEK. This not only allows teens the opportunity to serve but also to add the experience of student teaching to their high school transcripts. End of semester letters of recommendation or performance evaluations will be made available if requested.

Teen Group Leaders must be at least 16 years of age by the first day of the semester that they lead. Teens must also arrange for an adult co-leader prior to submitting a group proposal. The adult co-leader must agree to lead the group if for some reason the teen is not able to complete the semester.

All teen group leaders must be approved by the SEEK committee and the Pastor of Children's Ministries. The committee will consider the maturity and past behavior of the teen, the ability of the adult co-leader to take over if necessary, and how the group fits in with the other groups in our program. Teens will only be allowed to lead Early Elementary (5-7 years old) or Elementary (8-10 years old) groups. A limited number of teens will be allowed to lead per semester.

The teen leader will be asked to submit a brief outline of what will be covered each week when submitting a request to lead. Upon approval by the committee, the teen leader will be required to complete Colonial's Children's Ministries Volunteer Application, provide completed lesson plans and submit a group description. These are due by the group description deadline. Lesson plans will then be reviewed and approved by the appropriate Department Coordinator. The teen leader must also commit to attending the Group Leader's Registration meeting and will be asked to sign the SEEK Group Leader's Contract.

Teen leaders are expected to adhere to all other policies that apply to group leaders as outlined in the SEEK Policy and Procedures Manual.

Teen Assistants must be at least 16 years of age and must be approved by the SEEK committee and the group leader(s). Assistants will also be required to submit a Children's Ministry Volunteer Application.

NOTE: Teen Group Leaders or assistants do not take the place of a parent's service requirements.