

WOODRIDGE CHURCH SUMMER ASSOCIATE PROGRAM

The Summer Associate Program exists to help high school students grow in their faith. We do this through meaningful connections as a Christian community, building relationships with one another, recognizing God at work around us & discovering our unique strengths.

Focus Areas

Meaningful Work in the Church - We focus on this by paying high school students to work with early childhood & elementary ministries at the church during the summer. We provide training during the mid-week meetings to equip and empower them to lead within the areas where they are assigned to work.

Build Relationships - We focus on this through weekly sharing, encouraging, eating & praying together.

Recognize God at Work - We focus on this through weekly reflections & discussions of how we see God in and around us.

Discover Unique Strengths - We focus on this by using CliftonStrengths Top 5 Report to identify how God has uniquely wired each of us. The Summer Associate Strengths Finder results will be useful in future professional, spiritual, & relational contexts.

General Weekly Meeting Structure

REFLECTION

These are the questions we use as a guide for weekly reflection:

- What have you learned about God & yourself through your Summer Associate work this past week?
- How is God's Word helping you to think differently about something?
- Is there a specific area of your life that could use God's attention?

APPLYING OUR STRENGTHS

Each student is provided with a code to take the online CliftonStrengths assessment. We take time each week to provide training on the CliftonStrengths Top 5 report so that the Summer Associates can apply what they learn to their assigned Summer Associate work.

Summer Associate Requirements & Compensation

Any student who has completed 8th grade by summer of 2024 is eligible for the Summer Associate Program.

Students must fill out an application in order to be considered for the Summer Associate Program.

→ Summer Associate Weekly Meeting Dates - 13 weeks

- ◆ 5pm - 7pm Wednesdays at Woodridge // June 5, 2024 - August 28, 2024
- ◆ Summer Associates will receive \$10 for each Wednesday meeting they attend
- ◆ Dinner from ChikfilA provided each week

→ Summer Associate Work **OPTIONS** (*Varies depending upon ministry needs & Associate availability*)

- ◆ Saturdays 4:30pm - 6:30pm; Early Childhood or Elementary \$20 per Saturday
- ◆ Sundays 8am - 12pm; Early Childhood or Elementary \$40 per Sunday
- ◆ VBS August 5-8, 2024 9am - 12pm \$20 per day
- ◆ Super Hero Camp May 28-30, 2024 9am - 12pm \$20 per day

COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT SUMMER ASSOCIATES

Are the Wednesday weekly meetings mandatory?

Summer Associates that make a priority to attend the weekly Wednesday meetings will be best equipped to fulfill the expectations of their Summer Associate work. We want you to make the meetings a priority which is why you will receive pay for attending the meetings. We understand that summer schedules can include lots of different conflicts. In the online application we ask you to list the Wednesdays you will not be able to attend so that we can take that information into consideration before accepting the applications.

Do I have to do Summer Associate Summer work? Or can I just go to the weekly meetings?

In the online application you can indicate how often you want to be scheduled for Summer Associate work. We will do our best to honor the preferences indicated in the applications.

What about Highschool Mid-week programming in the summer? Is that something that is still happening?

Yes! Summer Associate weekly meetings will be Wednesdays 5pm at Woodridge Church. Chick-Fil-A dinner will be provided during the meetings and most weeks our meetings will end by 6:45pm. Highschool weekly programming will take place on Wednesdays 7pm - 9pm and will include elements of worship, teaching, discussions, prayer, games & ice cream!

When are the applications due? And when do I find out my Summer Associate work assignments?

*Applications are due by **Sunday, May 26, 2024**. You will be notified about your approval into the program soon after submitting your application. You will receive your scheduled Summer Associate assignments by Wednesday, June 5, 2024.*

How do I receive my Summer Associate compensation?

Once you've been accepted to the Summer Associate Program you will be asked to fill out a 1099. Summer Associates will fill out a time card each week and compensation in the form of a paper check will be mailed to your home each month for the work you have completed that previous month.