

# A2•MK Ministry Team Member Application



**A2•MK**

*Children's Ministry Team*

Note: "A2" = Asian Access  
"MK" = missionary kid

## Children's Ministry Team Applicant Qualifications

1. Love Jesus Christ and have been a Christian for at least one year
2. U.S. or Canadian citizen/resident
3. Native or fluent English speaker
4. Member of an evangelical organization in agreement with Asian Access' [statement of faith](#)
5. Active in a local church body
6. Your local church must endorse your participation.
7. Must pass an official background screening conducted by either own local church or Asian Access.

## How to Apply to Serve on a Children's Ministry Team

1. Before applying, contact your "gatekeeper" (e.g., missions pastor, missions committee at church or staff worker at school) to let them know that you are hoping to apply to serve on a Children's Ministry Team. They can visit our website to learn more about Asian Access: <http://www.asianaccess.org/>. Your "gatekeeper" is crucial to your Japan experience.
2. Download & print all the application forms from [Asian Access Application Downloads](#) page by clicking on the appropriate links:

- A. Children's Ministry Team Application
- B. Children's Ministry Team: Spiritual Reference form
- C. Children's Ministry Team: General Reference form (for any non-Christian references)
- D. Children's Ministry Team: Self Reference form

3. After clicking each link, here's what to do. Using the Adobe Acrobat toolbar (not your browser toolbar), print them out (the button that looks like a printer) or save them to your hard drive (the button that looks like a floppy disk) and print later.
4. Distribute at least 3 reference forms to those references you designate on page 2 of the application. Give references the **Spiritual Reference** form. However, if your Employer/Teacher or one of your friends is a non-Christian, please give them the **General Reference** form, as it doesn't contain the spiritual checklist section. Have each person mail his/her completed reference form in an envelope you have stamped and pre-addressed to:

Asian Access  
A2•MK Children's Ministry Team  
P.O. Box 200  
San Dimas, CA 91773 USA  
or they can fax to "Attn A2•MK Ministry Team" at (866) 862-0968.

It is imperative that your references send in the forms directly to us to comply with the Freedom of Information Act and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, that you will sign on page 2 of the application.

5. Complete both the **A2•MK Application** and **Self-Reference** form and mail in one envelope to:

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To expedite your application process:

- ▶ Fax your materials to (866) 862-0968 marked: "Attn A2•MK Ministry Team"
- ▶ Email: Send electronically (either a Word .doc or a scanned PDF) to [info@asianaccess.org](mailto:info@asianaccess.org) with the subject: "A2•MK Ministry Team – (Your Name)". Please be sure to include your name in the subject line.

6. Please follow up on your references and return your application and self-reference within 2 weeks to keep things moving. Your application is will not be screened until we have received a completed **application form, self-reference form, and 3 outside references**.
7. We will let you know if you've been chosen for the program as soon as we can screen your application.

If you have any additional questions:

- ▶ Contact Emi Miller at [emiller@asianaccess.org](mailto:emiller@asianaccess.org) or (800) 543-3678 ext. 240.
- ▶ Or check out the go2japan forum: <http://www.go2japan.org/forum>

All of these forms are available in PDF format. Adobe Acrobat Reader is a free download for all platforms.  
To download this program, go to: <http://get.adobe.com/reader>





**CHURCH HISTORY**

8a. Church most actively involved in *(on a weekly basis)*:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Denomination: \_\_\_\_\_  
How long have you attended \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Missions Director: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor who knows you best: \_\_\_\_\_

8b. Church Membership/Home Church *(if different)*:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Denomination: \_\_\_\_\_  
How long have you attended? \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Missions Director: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor who knows you best: \_\_\_\_\_

**REFERENCES**

You are required to provide forms from at least three (3) references *(highlighted in yellow)*. Please list names, addresses, phone numbers, and number of years known of six (6) people who will serve as references, just in case additional references are needed. List people who have known you for a minimum of one year. Do not include relatives or fiancé(e).

1. Children’s Pastor or Youth Pastor ( ) years:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Employer/Teacher ( ) years:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Leader who has observed you in a Christian context for ( ) yrs:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

5. A close friend ( ) years:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

3. A close Christian friend ( ) years:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

6. A close friend ( ) years:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

We may request additional references from the individuals listed.

In order to guarantee confidentiality to those submitted as references, you may waive your right to review. If you do not waive this right, understand that your references may be less candid, knowing their comments are not confidential. Please read, ✓ check the box, and sign the statement below.

- I waive my right** to a review of my references according to the *Freedom of Information Act and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974*.
- I do not waive my right** to personally examine references and file material submitted in connection with this application.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_



## ESSAY QUESTIONS

Please answer the following required questions on a separate sheet of paper. Typewritten answers are preferred. If this is not possible, write clearly in black ink. Please give a concise, but complete answer.

1. Please enclose a 1-page testimony that describes how and when you became a Christian and the major influences on your spiritual development.
2. Describe your current devotional life and how you have grown spiritually in the past year.
3. Why do you want to participate on an Asian Access Children's Ministry Team to Japan? What do you hope to gain from your experience?
4. What Christian ministries or activities are you currently involved in? Describe your involvement in your local church (e.g., participation, leadership positions, etc.).
5. What children's age group are you most comfortable working with? (*choose the one age group that you prefer most*)  
 infants     toddlers/pre-school     grades K-2     grades 3-5     junior high     high school
6. Please mention any talents (e.g., music, arts & crafts, acting/skits, etc.) or spiritual gifts (e.g., intercession, encouragement, teaching, etc.) you may have:  

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## THE ALL-IMPORTANT MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTION

How do you feel about Japanese-style baths, in which you might need to bathe each day (ideally) in a large bath room with other adults of your same gender? Asian Access generally holds its conferences at Japanese retreat centers where Japanese bath houses are the norm. Which phrase below best sums up your feelings?

- NO CLUE:** Wait a minute! I have to do... what? Wow, I'll need a "bath buddy" to help me figure out how to do this.
- NO FEAR:** "No worries, no problem! I'm looking forward to it!"
- NO BIGGIE:** I'm a little nervous, but it's not a big concern!
- NO PAIN, NO GAIN:** I'm kind of anxious, but I am game to learn about Japanese culture.
- NO PEACE, KNOW JESUS:** I am dreading this aspect of the conference, but with God's help, I am willing to try.
- NO WAY, JOSÉ-SAN:** I simply cannot do this and must have a separate bathing option.
- NO ANSWER FITS:** Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

The following information is optional, but it will help Asian Access to make an informed decision in the screening process.

1. Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Country of Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_
3. Gender:     Male     Female    Height: \_\_\_\_\_' \_\_\_\_\_"    Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ lbs.
4. Marital status:     Single     Engaged     Married     Widowed     Separated     Divorced     Divorced/Remarried  
Wedding date / Expected date of marriage: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_
5. Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor?     No     Yes    \_\_\_\_\_
6. Have you been under medical, psychological, or psychiatric care in the past two years?     No     Yes    If yes, please explain.
7. Do you have any history of alcohol or substance abuse, anorexia or bulimia?     No     Yes    If yes, please explain.

SEND THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

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