

Volunteer Frequently Asked Questions

- **What are the requirements to volunteer for the Steubenville North Catholic Youth Conference?**

Every volunteer must:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Read and agree to abide by the Volunteer Policies, Modesty Policies, and Code of Conduct.
- Each volunteer must complete be in compliance with the USCCB Charter for the Protection of God's Children. Each diocese has its requirements to meet in order to be in compliance.
- Each volunteer must have a Background Check including criminal history

- **Why is a weekend long commitment preferred?**

Past experience has shown that having several volunteers working in small shifts does not make for an effective and cohesive conference. A weekend-long commitment will allow everyone at the conference to fully experience all it has to offer. Volunteers are an integral part of the conference, and having the same volunteers all weekend long will help everything run more smoothly while also providing strong spiritual benefits for the volunteers involved. Volunteers will have down time over the weekend. We do not intend for you to work for 72 hours straight! However, we also understand if volunteers are NOT able to commit to the entire weekend. Just let us know your availability when you register. We appreciate any time that you are able to give.

- **Does every volunteer have to complete a Background Screening Check?**

Every volunteer for the Steubenville North Catholic Youth Conference must complete a Background Check. This check includes a criminal check, Social Security check and sex offender check. This requires volunteers to provide their social security number, date of birth and other personal information. The cost of the Background Check is \$17. The required Background Check is good for five years for the Archdiocese of St Paul/Minneapolis and for three years for the Diocese of Winona and is therefore not required yearly by Partnership for Youth.

- **Who sees the results of the background checks? What if I do not pass the check?**

An outside company will perform all background checks. The result will either be a "clear" (meaning the individual has passed) or "hit" (meaning the individual has not passed the check). An individual will be notified if they receive a "hit" and will then have the opportunity to further discuss the results with the investigating company if they so choose to disclose the information.

- **Can I choose the area in which I would like to work?**

You may indicate your area of preference; however Partnership for Youth will make all volunteer assignments. Partnership for Youth reserves the right to change work assignments and/or ask any individual to not serve if necessary.

- **Will I be able to volunteer if I sign up the weekend of the conference?**

Due to the new policies of background checks, required USCCB training and Volunteer training we will not be able to accept on-site or walk-in volunteers. Background checks take several days to process and cannot be done on-site the weekend of the event.

- **Where will volunteers be housed?**

For St. Paul, Volunteer housing will be available Friday and Saturday night on the South Campus of the University of St. Thomas, a short walk from where all the events of the weekend take place. For Rochester, Volunteers will need to make their own housing arrangements. [Click Here](#) to register for conference housing:

- **What is the cost of housing for the weekend?**

For St. Paul, Volunteer housing is available on Friday and Saturday night. Dorm rooms are \$25.00 per person per night. This amount is non-refundable. Rooms are double occupancy. Please provide your own linens. For Rochester, housing is available at local hotels at conference rates. [Click here](#) for a list of hotels and pricing.