

# Church Chaperones and Background Checks

## CHURCH CHAPERONES

Kentucky WMU requires all children and students participating in **Kentucky WMU events** to be accompanied by church chaperones.

To ensure a safe environment while attending a Kentucky WMU event, church chaperones must:

- ✓ be 21 years of age or older.
- ✓ pass a background check conducted by the sponsoring church.
- ✓ be a member or regular attender of the sponsoring church.
- ✓ be in good health and physical condition.
- ✓ be a non-smoker (this includes vaping).
- ✓ set a good example for participants in speech, dress and conduct.

## BACKGROUND CHECKS

In recent years, churches, state conventions and organizations like Kentucky WMU have recognized the need to be more proactive in protecting our children and students from harm. Background checks provide information about any reported criminal behavior, allowing organizations to make responsible decisions about who should and should not be allowed to work with students and children. Kentucky WMU is requesting that our sponsoring churches conduct their own background checks on potential church chaperones. The church coordinator should then complete the **Acknowledgement and Assurance Form**. (See attached.) **This form should be signed by the pastor and church officer or trustee.**

Individuals not listed on the **Acknowledgement and Assurance Form** will not be permitted to serve as chaperones. Churches and Kentucky WMU both benefit from knowing they have suitable volunteers.

**For more information on conducting Background Checks on your chaperones visit:**

Kentucky - Office of the Courts, Call 502-573-2350 or 800-928-2350, or go to:  
<http://courts.ky.gov/aoc/criminalrecordreports/Pages/default.aspx> and register.

[www.protectmyministry.com](http://www.protectmyministry.com) (Site used by Kentucky WMU and KBC)

[www.lifeway.com](http://www.lifeway.com) (Search “Background Checks”)

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & ASSURANCE FORM

*For church chaperones attending Kentucky WMU missions events for children and students, this form MUST be sent with registration.*

Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union is committed to providing a safe environment for children and students while they are attending KY WMU missions events. Kentucky WMU depends on the cooperation of attending churches in order to ensure that children and students are treated in a compassionate and Christ-like manner.

By the signatures below, \_\_\_\_\_ (church) acknowledges the widespread nature of child sexual abuse is inescapable, and further **assures** Kentucky WMU that their church has taken prudent actions, including **background checks**, to ensure that each person listed below is suitable for the supervision and care of children/students.

Please type your church chaperone information below:

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY/STATE.ZIP	DATE RUN

**Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union assumes no liability** for any negligent, wrongful and/or harmful acts of those identified above, or any others originating from the church who are attending Kentucky WMU events for children and students. **The above church agrees to release Kentucky WMU from all claims** (including defense and indemnification) for any negligent, wrongful and/or harmful action done by such individuals.

The above-named church has a liability insurance policy:  YES  NO

If yes, liability insurance contact person information: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME PHONE

\_\_\_\_\_  
PASTOR'S SIGNATURE DATE CHURCH OFFICER/TRUSTEE'S SIGNATURE DATE