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CHURCH CHAPERONES

KentuckyWMU requires all children and students participating in **KentuckyWMU 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 KentuckyWMU 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. KentuckyWMU is requesting that our sponsoring churches conduct their own background checks on potential church chaperones. The church coordinator should then complete the **Acknowledgment and Assurance Form**. (See attached.) **This form should be signed by the pastor and church officer or trustee.**

Individuals not listed on the **Acknowledgment and Assurance Form** will not be permitted to serve as chaperones. Churches and KentuckyWMU 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: courts.ky.gov/aoc/criminalrecordreports/Pages/default.aspx and register.
- protectmyministry.com (Site used by KentuckyWMU and KBC)
- lifeway.com (Search “Background Checks”)

