



CYIA TEENS APPLICATION

June 15-26, 2026

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for applying to our summer training program for Christian teens! **Christian Youth in Action**® (CYIA) can help you grow in your relationship with God and will prepare you to serve Him. As a student, you will learn how to:

- Present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to children
- Organize and teach a Bible club for children
- Work with a team as you serve God

CYIA is for teens 13-19 who have been believers in Christ for at least one year and who desire to serve God. Please read through this application carefully and share it with your parents.

All students need to read CEF's Statement of Faith and sign our Ministry Compliance Agreement. **New students** are required to complete a separate screening form that we will provide.

After you have completed this application, **please submit it to either your chapter office or to the state office.** You can: 1) Scan it and email it to cgateacefwt@gmail.com; 2) Send it by regular mail (USPS); or 3) Hand-deliver it to either office. There is also an online version of the application at www.cefwesttexas.com/cyia.

DEADLINES FOR YOUR APPLICATION □ **April 1st** (if you want to be paid and will help raise funds)
April 25th (if you want to volunteer as a summer missionary)

Three Parts of Christian Youth in Action Training:

- **Pre-Training** – You must participate in the pre-training in your chapter area in May and early June. We will also have some reading for you to complete before the next part of the training.
- **Preparing Together** – All WTX students and leaders will meet in Levelland at South Plains College June 15-20. There will be classes, discussion groups, practicums, and fun activities.
- **Practice Clubs** – Students will teach “practice” 5-Day Clubs in your chapter area (or another chapter) June 22-26 and will be evaluated. **Then the students will continue to teach 5-Day Clubs throughout the summer.** So, the training continues after you return home.

Please note: After completing all three parts of the training, students will be asked to teach 5-Day Clubs throughout the summer. Please discuss this with your local director. We want you to use what you learned and reach more children who need to hear about Jesus.

If you are part of CYIA this summer, I know it will be a great experience for you. Please call or text me at 254-433-3965 if you have any questions. May God bless you as you serve Him!

Caprice Gatea, State Coordinator West Texas

2026 APPLICATION

Christian Youth in Action TEENS

Child Evangelism Fellowship of West Texas

Pre-Training in May & early June / June 15-20 in Levelland

June 22-26 in Chapter Area

Opportunities to teach 5 Day Clubs continue through the Summer

CYIA Schedule & Training Locations:

May & June – Local Chapters will schedule some pre-training to help students prepare for next part of training.

Mon., 6/15 – Sat., 6/20 – Training at South Plains College in Levelland; travel Saturday afternoon back home

Sun., 6/21 – Break

Mon., 6/22-Fri., 6/26 – Students will teach practice 5-Day Clubs in your chapter area (or another chapter) and be evaluated.

Today's date _____

Your Name _____ Age _____

Date of Birth _____ Male _____ Female _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Your phone# (if you have one) _____

Best way to contact you (circle one): call text email parent
(Texts will include the parent)

Parents/Guardians' Information:

Name(s): _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone# _____

T-shirt Size: *(circle one) – adult sizes* **S** **M** **L** **XL** **XXL**

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Church you attend: _____

Pastor's Name _____

What do you enjoy most about your church? _____

Your preferred Bible translation? King James Version (KJV) **or** English Standard Version (ESV)

Personal References *(do not include relatives; your references should not be related to each other)*

Please list two. *(returning students do not need to complete)*

1. Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

2. Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Confidential Screening Form for All Volunteers: All volunteers serving with CEF are required to complete a confidential screening form every five years. If you are under 18, we will send you a paper form.
If you are 18 or older and a new student, complete the online form at this link:
www.ministryopportunities.org/CEFWestTexas

Photo & Video Consent / Release

Sometimes we use photos from CYIA for promotion purposes or to share with our ministry partners. The following is for you to complete if you **do** give your permission for us to use photos or videos which you.

The undersigned _____ (print your name) _____ hereby consents to the publication of photographs, video recordings or audio recordings of me made by Child Evangelism Fellowship of West Texas, Inc. in posters, magazines, books or other publications. The undersigned further releases Child Evangelism Fellowship of West Texas, Inc., publisher of such photographs, video recordings, or audio recordings, of all claims to compensation for any such publications. It is understood that Child Evangelism Fellowship of West Texas, Inc. retains complete ownership of all rights to any such photographs, video recordings, or audio recordings.

Date: _____

Signature _____ (of parents if under 18 years of age.)

Name printed _____

Personal Christian Conversion

For first-year students

On a separate sheet of paper, answer the question **“What is a Christian?”**

1. Also, write out or type your personal story of salvation. Include:
 - How and when you became a Christian (detailed).
 - List some Bible verses on which you base your salvation.
 - Your favorite Bible verse (include why).
 - Your reason for applying to CYIA.

For returning students

Please answer the following questions.

1. Why do you want to be part of CYIA again this year? _____

2. What was the best part of CYIA and summer ministry for you last year?

3. How would you describe your relationship with God? _____

****Please read the attached CEF Statement of Faith and sign the CEF Ministry Compliance Agreement.**

For All students

Do you play a musical instrument? _____

Would you like to help lead worship during CYIA? _____

Two Ways You Can Serve this Summer

After you complete CYIA, you will be a **summer missionary**. If you are 16 or older, you can serve as a temporary employee or as a volunteer.

1. Temporary Employee:
 - a. You need to be at least 16 years old.

- b. You will be paid, and your hourly rate will be determined by your chapter's local committee; you will complete a timesheet.
 - c. You will be expected to teach up to three 5-Day Clubs a day.
 - d. You will need to sign a financial agreement with your chapter.
 - e. You will need to help with fundraising by mailing letters to friends and family.
 - f. Your CYIA application needs to be received by April 1, 2025.
 - g. You are expected to provide transportation to clubs or the local CEF office.
2. Volunteer: If you serve as a volunteer, you will not be paid. Your service so that children can hear the gospel message will be a blessing! You will not be required to teach three clubs a day.

How would you like to serve this summer? _____ temporary employee _____ volunteer

Summer Ministry After CYIA

- 5-Day Clubs and possibly 3-Day Clubs will be scheduled in July and the first week in August. Please check with your local director on summer schedules.
- Please let your local director know the days or weeks you cannot serve.
- Camp Good News will be in July at Gibson Baptist Camp in Hardesty, OK. If you are interested in serving at Camp, contact Bunny & Ronny Baldwin with the Panhandle chapter.

Tuition Cost for CYIA

Total CYIA Teen Tuition Fee - \$325 per student

****You may pay tuition now or on June 15, 2026, the first day at South Plains College. Make check payable to CEF WTX. If you pay cash on the 15th, please include note with your student's name, so that payment is applied correctly.***

**We offer family or sibling discounts -- \$25 off tuition cost for each additional student from the same family. Discuss with your local director.*

**Some CEF chapters offer tuition scholarships. Please ask your local director.*

CYIA tuition includes cost of teaching materials, meals, student book, t-shirt, facilities use, and supplies.

If accepted as a CYIA student, I commit to obey all rules and standards of conduct established by Child Evangelism Fellowship of West Texas. (Standards of Conduct and dress code are at end of this application)

CYIA Teens Candidate's Signature: _____

If you have any questions, please contact:

- ❖ **Jennifer Dunn**, Red River Chapter in Wichita Falls, 940-704-0398
- ❖ **Bunny Baldwin**, Panhandle Chapter in Amarillo, 806-570-7972
- ❖ **Pierce Meadows**, South Plains Chapter in Lubbock, 806-543-8508
- ❖ **LaDawnia Scott**, Midland Basin Chapter in Midland, 432-664-8230
- ❖ **Vernon Ferguson**, Big Country Chapter in Abilene, 325-721-1009
- ❖ **Kerran Fowlkes**, Rio Grande Chapter in El Paso 915-252-5826
- ❖ **Caprice Gatea**, CEF of West Texas (state office), 254-433-3965
(for Odessa and San Angelo)

Important Information:

- Complete the **medical questionnaire**. You can turn in your application now without the questionnaire, but we will need it by May 15th.
- Read and sign **CEF's Ministry Compliance Agreement**. This must be submitted with your completed application.
- Read and sign the CYIA transportation agreement.
- Please read and sign the Standards of Conduct & Dress Code (students and parent).

Options for Turning in Your Completed Application:

- 1) Mail it to the WTX State office:
CEF of West Texas
900 8th Street, Suite 606
Wichita Falls, TX 76301
- 2) Or mail it to your CEF chapter office or drop it off there.
- 3) Or scan and email your application to the state office at cgateacefwt@gmail.com

Thank you!



“Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.” – Mark 16:15

Christian Youth in Action® Medical Questionnaire

(If you would like us to use the med questionnaire you provided for the CYIA Winter Retreat this year, we can do that.)

Student's First Name _____ Last Name _____

Male ___ Female ___ Age _____ Weight (approx.) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Parent's Name _____ Cell ph# _____

In case of emergency notify _____

Emergency Contact's Best Phone# _____

Family Doctor _____ City _____ Phone (office) _____

Last Tetanus or Booster – Date _____

Allergies _____ Food Allergies _____

Do you have family hospital insurance? Yes ___ No ___ Company _____

Name which policy is under _____ Policy # _____ Exp Date _____

* **CEF's Insurance is the secondary insurance.**

Please list all medications taken (use an extra sheet if necessary). Include all over-the-counter medications as well as prescription medications.

Name of medication	Reason	Dosage	Frequency
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

NOTE: Any shots that are to be given **must** have a written and signed consent from the patient's doctor. All medications **MUST** be in the original manufacturer's container or in a labeled container. (If you wish to send a small amount of an over-the-counter medication, please have your pharmacist label a container for you, including the dosage information.) The dosage you want given **MUST** correspond to the one on the prescription or manufacturer's label, or you **MUST** have a note from your doctor stating the change. Any medication not sent in properly labeled containers will be set aside until the parent can be contacted.

I give my permission for emergency medical care.

Parent (or guardian's signature) _____ Date _____

Statement of Faith of Child Evangelism Fellowship®

WE BELIEVE -

That “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God,” by which we understand the whole book called THE BIBLE; that it is inerrant in the original writing and that its teaching and authority are absolute, supreme and final. That the Holy Spirit guided the holy men of old in all that they wrote. 2 Timothy 3:16; Deuteronomy 4:2; 2 Peter 1:21

The Godhead eternally exists in three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. These three are one God, having the same nature, attributes and perfection. Romans 1:20; Matthew 28:19; Deuteronomy 4:35; John 17:5

In the personality and Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, begotten of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, truly God and truly man. John 1:1, 14; 10:30; Matthew 1:20; Luke 1:30, 31; Philippians 2:5-7; 1 Timothy 3:16; Colossians 1:19

In the personality and Deity of the Holy Spirit, the source and power of all acceptable worship and service, the infallible interpreter of the infallible Word, who indwells every true believer, and is ever present to testify of Christ, seeking to occupy us with Him and not with ourselves or our experiences. John 15:26; Acts 5:3-4; 1:8; Romans 8:26-27; 1 Corinthians 2:12, 14; Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 12:13; John 16:13-14

That man was created in the image of God, after His likeness, as stated in the Word of God, but the whole human race fell in the fall of the first Adam. Not only was his moral nature grievously injured by the fall but he totally lost all spiritual life, becoming dead in trespasses and sins, and subject to the power of the devil. “The carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then, they that are in the flesh cannot please God” (Romans 8:7,8). Therefore, he cannot see nor enter the kingdom of God until he is born again by the Holy Spirit. That no degree of reformation however great, no attainment in morality however high, no culture however attractive, no humanitarian and philanthropic schemes and societies however useful, no baptism or other ordinance however administered, can help the sinner to take even one step toward Heaven; but a new nature imparted from above, a new life implanted by the Holy Spirit through the Word is absolutely essential to salvation. Genesis 1:26-27; Romans 5:12; Ephesians 2:1-3; John 3:3, 6, 7; Titus 3:5

That Jesus Christ became the sinner’s substitute before God, and died as a propitiatory sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. That He was made a curse for the sinner, dying for his sins according to the Scriptures; that no repentance, no feeling, no faith, no good resolutions, no sincere efforts, no submission to the rules and regulations of any church can add in the very least to the value of the precious blood or to the merit of that finished work wrought for us by Him, who tasted death for every man. 1 John 2:2; Hebrews 2:9; Galatians 3:13; Romans 3:25; 4:4-5; 5:8; Colossians 1:13-14, 20-21

In the resurrection of the crucified body of Jesus Christ; that His body was raised from the dead according to the Scriptures,

and that He ascended into Heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God as the believer’s high priest and advocate. Luke 24:39; Acts 1:10-11; Ephesians 4:10; Hebrews 1:3; 1 John 2:1

That Christ in the fullness of the blessings He has secured by His death and resurrection is received by faith alone and that the moment we trust in Him as our Savior we pass out of death into everlasting life, justified from all things, accepted before the Father according to the measure of His acceptance, loved as He is loved and made one with Him. At the time of acceptance of Christ as Savior, He comes to dwell within the believer and to live out His life of holiness and power through him. Hebrews 9:15; John 5:24; Romans 3:28; 4:3,23-25; Ephesians 1:3; John 17:23; Galatians 2:20; 4:6-7; 5:16; Acts 1:8

That the Church is composed of all those who truly believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior. It is the body and bride of Christ. That every believer, whether Jew or Gentile, is baptized into the body of Christ by the Holy Spirit, and having thus become members of one another we are responsible to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, rising above all sectarian prejudices and denominational bigotry and loving one another with a pure heart fervently. Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:19-22; 1 Corinthians 12:22-27; 1:10-13; Romans 12:4-5; Ephesians 4:3-6; 5:32; Philippians 2:1-5; Galatians 5:13-15

That all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ are called into a life of separation from worldly and sinful practices, and should abstain from such amusements and habits as will cause others to stumble, or bring reproach upon the cross of Christ. Believers are created in Christ Jesus unto good works. “As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith” (Galatians 6:10). 1 John 2:15-16; Romans 13:14; 14:13; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Ephesians 2:10

In the evangelization of the world, that the supreme mission of the people of God in this age is to preach the Gospel to every creature. That special emphasis should be placed upon the evangelization of children. Mark 16:15; 2 Corinthians 5:18-19; Matthew 18:14

In the personal return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, that the coming again of Jesus Christ is the “blessed hope” set before us, for which we should be constantly looking. “Our citizenship is in Heaven from whence we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ” (Philippians 3:20). Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; John 14:1-3; Titus 2:13; Philippians 3:20-21

That the souls of those who have trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation do at death immediately pass into His presence, and there remain in conscious bliss until the resurrection of the body at His coming, when soul and body reunited shall be with Him forever in glory. Luke 23:43; 2 Corinthians 5:8; Luke 16:22,25; Philippians 1:23; 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18

That the souls of the lost remain after death in misery until the final judgment of the great white throne, when soul and body reunited at the resurrection shall be cast “into the lake of fire” which is “the second death,” to be “punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power” (2 Thessalonians 1:8-9). Luke 16:22-23,27-28; Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 20:5,11-15; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9

In the reality and personality of Satan, “that old serpent, called the devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world” (Revelation 12:9). Ephesians 6:11-12; 1 Peter 5:8; Revelation 20:10

CEF® Ministry Compliance Agreement

Child Evangelism Fellowship®

Doctrinal Protection Policy - Adopted by CEF International Board of Trustees, May 6, 2002

Child Evangelism Fellowship® continues in its commitment to its Statement of Faith, which embodies the non-negotiable and historic beliefs of evangelical Christians.

Within the community of evangelical believers various distinctives exist which do not prevent our fellowship in the Lord and our effectiveness as child evangelists.

We therefore resolve that *CEF®* workers are qualified by their unreserved commitment to *CEF's* Statement of Faith and their further commitment in all *CEF* activities to refrain from teaching or otherwise advocating doctrinal distinctives either contrary to or in addition to the Statement of Faith.

Recognizing the spiritual need of boys and girls in our community and around the world, I would like to assist in the work of *Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF)*.

I understand that *CEF* is without specific denominational affiliation and have read the Statement of Faith and *CEF* Doctrinal Protection Policy. In becoming a co-worker with *CEF*, and to protect the ministry, I agree not to propagate or practice in *CEF* ministries any distinctive or controversial doctrines, methods, and practices that would go beyond the *CEF* Statement of Faith and the approved *CEF* curriculum. These would include but not be limited to such things as modes of baptism, speaking in tongues, interpretation of Scripture by experience, healing on demand, etc. I understand that anyone who does not adhere to this agreement cannot serve with *CEF* as paid staff or volunteer.

In teaching Bible lessons in core *CEF* programs I will use exclusively materials approved by *CEF*.

In offering my services I trust the Lord to make me a faithful servant, and should problems arise between *CEF* and me that cannot be fully reconciled, I will quietly withdraw to preserve the harmony essential to having an effective Christian witness.

By signing below, I indicate:

- My agreement with the Statement of Faith, and that
- I will abide by the above *CEF* Ministry Compliance Agreement, and that
- I will abide by the policies of *CEF* for as long as I am actively involved.

(Only applicable in the USA):

- I have reviewed the Protecting Today's Child presentation (866-878-4182 or www.cefonline.com/childprotection) in the last 12 months.

- If you have a question about a specific policy or to see a complete copy of all policies, contact your director.

(NOTE: On digital forms, your typed signature carries the same weight as your written signature.)

Signed _____

Date _____

CEF of West Texas
Christian Youth in Action™ 2026
Standards of Conduct & Dress Code for Students & Leaders

As brothers and sisters in Christ serving God together, we are responsible in our relationships with:

- Teammates
- CYIA staff and leaders
- Local volunteers who help
- Children whom we teach
- your church
- CEF as an organization
- God - *your most important relationship*

Our appearance, dress, conversation, and actions will either help or hinder the cause of Christ and the message we want to bring. At all times, conduct should be such that would bring honor and glory to the Lord Jesus Christ. Bringing reproach to the name of Christ or failure to adhere to the CYIA dress code and standards of conduct may result in being sent home from CYIA.

Attendance: You are expected to attend all sessions unless granted permission by your local CEF leader to miss.

Name Tags: Wear your name tag to all sessions and meals; wear it when teaching a 5-Day Club during CYIA.

Keeping CYIA Location Clean: All paper should be put into proper containers, not thrown on the ground. We need to respect South Plains College campus and keep it clean. We will need your help to keep all rooms where you meet clean (wiping down tables, picking up trash, etc.). After you eat a meal or have a snack, we expect you to throw away any trash; leave the table clean.

Personal Cleanliness: Please wash your hands before snacks and meals and throughout the day. Hand sanitizer will be available. Be sure to shower each day and use deodorant.

Recreation: There may be organized games, but you can also use this time for free time. The game room in the Student Center will be available to us.

Cell Phones: You may keep your cell phone with you, but please do not allow it to be a distraction during class time, working with your team, study times, mealtimes, or during practicums. If your cell phone does become a distraction, you will be asked to either leave it in your room or put it away.

Student Relationships: Friendships with Christians of the opposite gender are beneficial in social, spiritual, and leadership development. You may talk, walk, sit, and dine with them at appropriate times. However, because the goals of CYIA would be violated by the distraction of any romantic relationships, existing relationships of unmarried couples are to be put "on hold" during CYIA.

Also, the pursuit of such relationships is to be set aside during CYIA training so that Christ alone will be exalted.

Study Times: This time is to be spent preparing for practicums or preparing to teach the children in your club. Let your team leader know if you prefer to quietly study on your own or work with others to prepare. But be sure that your method of study does not distract those around you.

CYIA Dress Code

(Please read this carefully since it is modified each year. Ask your parents to read it.)

For morning worship, class time, and teaching clubs, you should wear clothing that is neat, clean and in reasonably good condition. Jeans, capri pants, skirts (girls) are all great choices.

New for 2026 - Both guys and girls may wear long shorts (Bermuda style) to class at South Plains College. Shorts should not be shorter than 2 inches above the knee. Anyone wearing shorts which are shorter than the acceptable length to class will be asked to change. No bicycle type shorts are allowed.

Your local director will set the guidelines for what you wear to teach 5 Day Clubs when you return home to your chapter.

We ask that students (both guys & girls) **NOT** wear the following at any time:

- Clothing that is too tight (form fitting) or that exposes midriffs, backs, undergarments, revealing necklines, etc. If you only have pants that are tight, **wear a long t-shirt.**
- Clothing with writing, slogans, pictures, or symbols that do not honor God.
- Tank tops or crop tops. • Ripped jeans • Short shorts

Thank you for following our CYIA codes of conduct and dress -- and for looking out for each other during CYIA. This will help us have a wonderful training time together! Please call Caprice Gatea at 254-433-3965 if you have any questions.

Please sign below if you agree to follow the CYIA dress code and standards of conduct.

Student signature _____

Print your name: _____

Parents' agreement to support their student to follow the dress code and standards:

Parent signature: _____



Since 1937

CEF
CHILD EVANGELISM
FELLOWSHIP®
Reaching children worldwide™



CYIA Parental Permission to Transport Student CEF of West Texas

I give permission for any CEF approved driver to drive my child/children to and from Winter Retreat, CYIA Training, any 5-Day Clubs scheduled in local area, and any other CYIA sponsored activity and Good News Club sites during the school year (if applicable).

Please list child/children's name:

Parent Signature

Date