

**VOLUNTEER APPLICATION**

**Project Bridge**

June 1 – June 30, 2023

Project Bridge promotes lasting relationships between families with young children and caring adults by connecting students with an adult reading mentor. The focus of the 4-1/2 week, Tuesday through Friday morning summer program is to minimize the summertime learning loss for struggling first, second, third grade students and to nurture their social/emotional growth and character/faith development.

**\* Completed applications need to be submitted by Friday, May 19, 2023, and can be returned via mail, electronically, or in-person.**

**Mailing Address: Project Bridge, P.O. Box 25, Paris, TN 38242**

**E-mail Address: projectbridge19@gmail.com**

# Questions: 731-642-4757 (church #) or text 731-707-0930 (Director’s #)

Volunteer Applicant’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Last First Middle

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Street City State Zip Code

Date of Birth:\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_ Do you already have a Project Bridge t-shirt? \_\_\_ Yes \* \_\_\_ No

\* If yes, do you want to buy another one? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name Relationship Phone Number

What appeals to you about Project Bridge and motivates you to volunteer with us?

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# Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer Opportunities**

There are various ways in which you can contribute to the success of Project Bridge. Volunteers choose the team(s) they wish to join and/or serve as Caring Adults (i.e., reading helpers). Training is provided for all areas.

While volunteers are not expected to serve every day for all the hours of the program, we hope many will be able to participate daily, ***with a minimum of two days each week during one of the blocks listed so lasting relationships with the children and a more positive impact can occur.***

Please check all areas of interest and share details where needed:

***\_\_\_\_Reading Helpers*** - become **trained** to help a young reader be confident and successful

# Time Commitment: 8:50 - 10:30 AM

***\_\_\_\_Love In a Big World* Team** - assist interns with the social/emotional skill development

program (arts/crafts, games, science activities, dramatizations, journaling)

# Time Commitment: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Select Days Available: \_\_\_Tuesday \_\_\_Wednesday \_\_\_Thursday \_\_\_Friday

***\_\_\_\_Cafeteria* Team** - help serve and clean up during breakfast and/or lunch

\_\_\_\_Breakfast - **Time Commitment:** **8:15 - 9:15 AM**

Select Days Available: \_\_\_Tuesday \_\_\_Wednesday \_\_\_Thursday \_\_\_Friday

# \_\_\_\_Lunch - Time Commitment: 11:45 - 12:45 PM

Select Days Available: \_\_\_Tuesday \_\_\_Wednesday \_\_\_Thursday \_\_\_Friday

***\_\_\_\_Recreation* Team** - decide on and lead the children in morning recreational activities

# Time Commitment: 7:45 - 8:45 AM

Select Days Available: \_\_\_Tuesday \_\_\_Wednesday \_\_\_Thursday \_\_\_Friday

***\_\_\_\_Van Driver -*** Transport children to and/or from First United Methodist Church \_\_\_\_Morning route - **7:15 - 8:15 AM**

Select Days Available: \_\_\_Tuesday \_\_\_Wednesday \_\_\_Thursday \_\_\_Friday

\_\_\_\_Afternoon route - **12:30 - 1:30 PM**

Select Days Available: \_\_\_Tuesday \_\_\_Wednesday \_\_\_Thursday \_\_\_Friday

***\_\_\_\_Opening Assembly* Team**- help determine & carry out the way to introduce the daily character trait

# Time Commitment: 8:15 - 9:15 AM

Select Days Available: \_\_\_Tuesday \_\_\_Wednesday \_\_\_Thursday \_\_\_Friday

\_\_\_\_***Music Team/Leader*** - search for & teach age-appropriate songs that fit the daily character trait (use instruments whenever possible & engage children in helping play these)

**Time Commitment:** **8:30 AM - 9:15 AM**

Select Days Available: \_\_\_Tuesday \_\_\_Wednesday \_\_\_Thursday \_\_\_Friday

# Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Orientation & Training (MARK YOUR CALENDAR):**

Every volunteer is asked to attend one of two orientation meetings where their role(s) will be explained, paperwork completed, schedule finalized, and questions answered. In addition, volunteers are required to complete a Safe Sanctuary training which will take place during these meetings: Sunday, April 23 @ 2 PM

OR

Tuesday, May 2 @ 6:30 PM

Both meetings will be held in Room 101 at Paris First United Methodist Church (Poplar Street entrance).

**Photographs/Videos:**

For promotional purposes, photographs and videos may be taken of the volunteers and children during the Project Bridge days or events. These photographs and videos may be used in public venues. Your signature below constitutes permission for their use in promotional materials.

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Signature of Volunteer Applicant Date

**Role Models:**

The safe and healthy growth of our youth is a priority for Project Bridge and we strive to have good role models in our volunteers. Have you ever been convicted of, pled guilty to, or pled no contest to a crime other than a minor traffic violation? Yes No If yes, please explain:

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My signature below authorizes you to conduct criminal background checks (national and/or state level).

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**Final Statements:**

I vow that the information contained in this application is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that a very positive benefit, when working with young children, is the relationship developed between the volunteer and child. I take seriously the relationships that will be formed. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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