

Alabama Challenge Team

The Alabama Challenge Team is made up of Acteens or teen girls who live our theme verse.

"If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your[a] life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory." Colossians 3:1-4 (ESV)

We are so excited you'd like to apply for the Alabama Challenge Team! Your commitment will run September through August of your application year and you'll be expected to fulfill the responsibilities and maintain the principles of Christ-like behavior and responsible citizenship that we hold to. Please review the requirements below and feel free to call me (my contact information is listed below) if you have any questions!

To be eligible for the Alabama Challenge Team girls must...

- Be entering the 10th grade or 15 years old by September 1st
- Be an active member of a local Acteens or Girls Ministry group and an active member of a Southern Baptist Church in Alabama.
- Agree to serve from September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019. Team members are required to attend the Challenge Team Retreat in November and the Complete Conference in March. They are also highly encouraged to attend the Emerging Leaders forum in July.
- Submit your application to Alabama WMU by the application deadline, May 1, 2018. **Only fully completed applications will be considered.**

Alabama Acteens Advisors or Adult Leaders are asked to support their Alabama Challenge Team member by:

1. Providing her with Christ like love, support and encouragement.
2. Assisting her in setting up speaking engagements.
3. Helping her prepare for speaking engagements and/or church/association events.
All Challenge Team members will be eligible for a missions involvement scholarship for up to \$150.00 during their year of service.

To Apply, Girls:

1. Must complete application and write paragraphs describing (please type paragraphs):
 - A) "How I Became A Christian and How I Have Grown as a Christian During the Past Year"
 - B) "Why Acteens or Girls' Ministry is Important to Me" (if applicable)
 - C) "Why I Want to Serve on the Alabama Challenge Team."
 - D) "An idea for a conference to be offered at *COMPLETE*."
2. Must send Trish Jackson (Alabama WMU Missions Lifestyle Strategist) a link to their social media accounts (facebook, twitter, Instagram, etc.) and accept her friend request so that she can determine that their social media presence is edifying to the Lord and correlates to Alabama WMU's values and commitments.
3. **Must have completed application to Alabama WMU no later than May 1, 2018.** Applications must include **most recent and clearest passport size photo**, parent's signature, Acteens or Girls' Ministry Advisor/Director's signature, and requested paragraphs.

Only fully completed applications will be considered.

APPLICATION FORM

Please **PRINT IN BLACK INK OR TYPE** the following information:

Name _____ Grade in School _____

Age _____ Birthday _____ Telephone (_____) _____

Address _____

Street or P.O. Box

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address _____ @ _____

Parent's Name _____

Are you a Christian? _____ Are you a church member? _____ If so, give church and association name below.

Church _____ Association _____

Place a clear,
color and most
recent passport
size photo here.
NO snapshots
please.

****Are you an Acteen? _____ If yes, please answer the following questions:**

How long have you been a member of Acteens™? _____ How often do you attend meetings? _____

I am currently working on Studiact level _____ Completed level _____

If you are selected, can you serve from September 1st to August 31st? Yes No

In what Acteens™ activities, besides regular meetings, have you participated recently? (Church, Association, or State)

If you could change anything about Acteens™, what would you change? _____

What would you like to see Alabama Acteens™ as a state organization do? _____

If you are not a member of Acteens, in what church/youth group activities have you participated in recently? _____

In what community and school activities do you participate regularly? _____

Name leadership roles you have had other than Acteen or Girls' Ministry. (Church, School, Community) _____

Provide 1-2 paragraph answers to the following question:

- 1) Why do you want to be part of the Challenge Team?
- 2) What do you think you could uniquely bring to the Challenge Team?

List some hobbies and things you do well (For example, specific sports, working with children, making posters, musical endeavors).

Give the name and complete mailing address of your Pastor and Acteens™ Advisor/ Female Adult Leader.

Pastor _____ Phone (_____) _____

Address _____
City State Zip Code

Acteens/Female Adult Advisor _____ Phone (_____) _____

Address _____
City State Zip Code

If Pastor or Advisor is a relative, please give alternate reference.

Name _____ Phone (_____) _____

Address _____
City State Zip Code

Sign the following statement that applies to you:

Statement of acknowledgment by Acteens member:

I am aware of these expectations: I am an active Acteen and am a daily example of Christian standards and morals, active in church, associational, and state activities. I intend to remain active in Acteens throughout my year of service. I will promise to be dependable and cooperative. I will commit myself to a deeper understanding of, and involvement in, Christian missions. I am a sophomore, junior or senior in high school as of September 1st.

Signature of Acteen _____ Date _____

Statement of acknowledgment by Girls' Ministry Member:

"I am aware of these expectations: I am an active member of the Girls' Ministry at my church and am a daily example of Christian standards and morals, active in my church, associational, and state activities. I intend to remain active in Girls' Ministry throughout my year of service. I will promise to be dependable and cooperative. I will commit myself to a deeper understanding of, and involvement in, Christian missions. I am a sophomore, junior, or senior in high school as of September 1st."

Signature of Girls' Ministry Member _____ Date _____

Statement of acknowledgment by Parent:

I am aware that my daughter has applied for Alabama Challenge Team. I am aware of the state activities in which she will be required to participate if selected. I give my permission for her participation in these activities and pledge my support of her.

Signature of Parent _____ Date _____

Acteens™ Advisor or Girls Ministry Leader _____ Date _____

Mail application to: Alabama WMU, Alabama Challenge Team
P.O. Box 681970, Prattville, AL 36068-1970.
Questions may be directed to Trish Jackson at 334-613-2224 or tjackson@alsbom.org
www.alabamawmu.org

****Note: Required dates of participation for Challenge Team members will be the Challenge Team Retreat in November of 2018 and COMPLETE in March of 2019. The Emerging Leaders Forum in July of 2018 is optional but highly encouraged.****