

**2017 North Texas District
Pastor's Approval Certification Form**
(For those 18 years old or older)

Why a background check and pastor certification?

Our children are under attack. Therefore, we must take extraordinary stapes to protect them from abuse. Our purpose is not to eliminate parent involvement in outings, but rather to provide the safest environment possible by requiring background checks on all adults (men and women, 18 and older) attending. Because of the large number of applicants, it is impossible to check references on every applicant. As a result, great reliance is placed on the representation of each applicant's pastor to ensure the applicant's suitability for working with minors.

Each adult who is registering for a district Girls Ministries event during 2017 must have one of these on file with the district for the year. The form may be signed by the senior pastor or a staff pastor who is familiar with the adult who is attending the event. The church is responsible for completing the contact information, church information and performing the background check.

If a copy of this form has already been submitted at a previous 2017 district Girls Ministries event then the pastor's signature is not required for this camp. If you need to verify that a form has been submitted previously, e-mail girlsministries@northtexas.ag to confirm.

Form must be completely filled out and signed by your pastor to be valid.

Name (only one person per form) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Email address _____

Church Name _____ Church City _____

Pastor's Certification for Church Worker/Adult: I am personally acquainted with the adult applicant for the North Texas District Girls Ministries events, and in my opinion she is a competent and qualified youth/children worker. I know of no facts or allegations that raise any questions concerning her suitability for working with minors in any Girls Ministries activity. The church has on file the applicant's youth workers screening form. I acknowledge that my certification of this church worker/adult is good from now through the end of 2016.

Background Check Information (must have been completed within the past two years)

Date criminal background check was completed: _____

Name of company used for background check: _____

Results of background check: ☐ clear ☐ criminal history reported

* If the background check revealed issues relevant to working with children, provide a detailed explanation on the back of this form.

Pastor's Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Position _____ Date _____

Reproduce this form as needed; one copy is needed for each adult attending an overnight event.