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Summer 2015 Training Ground Application

Thank You for your interest in attending Training Ground. The fact that you are taking this step in your maturity is significant!

We wanted you to know upfront that this application is not a morality check. We are not looking for “right answers” from you. We are not grading you.

Historically some applicants have tried to be “super spiritual” to impress us. In actuality your ability to be honest about your life and relationship with Christ tells us a whole lot more about who you are and where you are at in this journey.

Our application process is designed to select young men who are ready and hungry to learn how to face many of life’s challenges while growing and maturing through the 3 months of the Training Ground Program. Therefore, it may be helpful to think of this application as more of a journal of where you are in life with your own heart and your relationship with God.

Take your time! This application will not be filled out in 15 minutes, or in a rush. We would suggest that you take some time with each of the General History questions, especially as you get into the essay sections.

If you have any questions about the application or the program at any point during the process please contact one of our staff. We would be happy to help bring clarification. You can email any staff member through the Training Ground website. www.trainingground.com

Application Checklist:

For your application to be complete, you must submit all of the following:

- Completed application form
- Recent Photo
- Two Completed Reference Forms (please have these mailed directly to Training Ground).

Application Deadline for the 2015 Summer Session is April 1, 2015

Completing the Application

Please print legibly in ink. Be sure to complete each page of the application and then mail the materials to the address at the bottom of this page.

Again, thank you for taking the time to fill out this application. We look forward to getting to know you better and seeing what God has for you and your future.



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2015 Application for Admission

Full Name _____

Preferred Name _____ Birthdate _____

Present address _____
Number and Street City /State Zip code

Email address _____ Phone _____

Permanent address _____
Number and Street City /State Zip code

Insurance Carrier _____
Company Name and Policy #

Do you have any physical limitations or medical conditions? Please explain, use the back of this page if necessary.

Father's Name _____ Living Deceased

Occupation _____ Phone _____

Address _____
Number and Street City /State Zip code

Email address _____

Mother's Name _____ Living Deceased

Occupation _____ Phone _____

Address _____
Number and Street City /State Zip code

Email address _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

General History



Financial Information

Do you have any debts or financial obligations that might interfere with your time here? Please explain:

How do you plan on paying the \$4000.00 initial deposit (personal, fundraising, parents, etc.)?

Education Experience

What is the highest-grade level you have completed? _____ When did you graduate? _____

What is the name and location of Secondary/High School? _____

Are you attending college? _____ (If yes what school) _____ Year _____

Please list any other education you have received:

Institution _____ Dates attended _____

Degree/Major Studied _____ Degree Earned _____

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Work Experience

Company _____

When did you work there? _____ Position _____

What skills did you acquire? _____

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What skills did you acquire? _____

Have you ever been fired from a job? If so please explain why.

Family History



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What major events influenced you as you were growing up (divorce, relationships, etc)?
100 word minimum

What was your relationship with your father and older men like when you were growing up?
What is it like now? 100 word minimum

What was your relationship with your mother and older women like when you were growing up?
What is it like now? 100 word minimum

If you had siblings growing up, what were your relationships with them like? 100 word minimum

What are the ages and birth order of your siblings?

What was it like growing up in your family? 100 word minimum

Do you know of any addiction or occult experiences in your family?

Spiritual History



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Did you grow up in a church? If so what denomination/s?

How would you describe your walk with God over the course of the last year? 100 word minimum

What three words would you use to describe God & why? Please explain

1.

2.

3.

What would you say are some of the major obstacles in your relationship with God? 100 word minimum

What is the Gospel to you? 100 word minimum

Personal Background Information

The following questions are designed to help us get to know your story. We really appreciate and hold sacred your honesty.



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What is your history with alcohol?

What is your history with drugs?

Do you have any medical conditions? If so please explain in detail.

Are you taking any medications to help with the above?

Excluding parking tickets, have you ever had or are you currently working through any legal issues? If so please explain.

Have you ever been diagnosed with a developmental or psychological disorder, i.e. – ADHD, depression, bipolar, etc. Please explain.

Have you ever had episodes of violent behavior or homicidal thoughts (desire to seriously harm others)? If so, please explain.



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Have you ever been hospitalized for psychological reasons? If so, please explain.

Have you ever been emotionally, physically, or sexually abused? If so please explain. Any details of your age, the situation or the perpetrator would be important.

Were there any other forms of abuse in your journey?

Have you ever thought of or actually hurt yourself (suicidal thoughts or attempts, cutting, recklessness or any other attempts)? If so, please explain.

Work and Wilderness Experience

From the past work experiences you wrote down (page 3), would you say those experiences have been significant or have they lacked value? Please explain.



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Have you had significant wilderness experiences that have shaped your personal growth?



Essay Question #1 (use a separate sheet if necessary)

Speak with your father or grandfather (preferred) and ask him about growing up, specifically when he was your age. Ask him what challenges he faced. What did he do to make ends meet? What kind of jobs did he have? Ask him if he can share with you a few stories, and try and understand what that



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was like for him. Ask him about what he sees different today in the area of work and also young men (if you do not have a father or a grandfather you can speak to a grandfather of someone you know).

What did you learn through speaking with Him? How might this relate your desire to spend for a summer with Training Ground? Was this a good experience? (Please include the name of the person you spoke with).

Some possible questions: When were you born? What was your first dating experience? How did you get engaged? Where did you grow up? What was your first job? What did you get paid? What was your relationship with your dad like? What did he do for work? Did you grow up going to church?



Essay Question #2 (use a separate sheet if necessary)

What is it about the Training Ground Program that really gets you excited? (Adventure, teaching, personal/spiritual growth, meeting other guys, etc.) 250 word minimum



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Why do you believe we should consider you for the summer 2015 program? 250 word minimum



Agreements

Consent for Treatment

In the event of injury or illness of the undersigned (applicant) while in association with the Training Ground program, I hereby agree to the performance of such treatment, anesthetics, and operations as, in the opinion of the attending physician or medical professional, is determined necessary.



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Applicant's Signature

Date

Liability Release

I hereby release Training Ground, its agents, employees, and volunteer assistants from any liability whatsoever arising out of an injury, damage, or loss which may be sustained by the undersigned (applicant) during the course of their involvement with Training Ground.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Signature of Agreement

I certify that all of the information in the application is complete and accurate. If accepted by Training Ground, I will abide by the spirit, Code of Conduct, and schedule of the mission. I understand that payment of the required program deposit must be made upon or before arrival. I am fully aware of my financial obligation, both to the Lord and to the participants and staff at Training Ground. I therefore commit myself to paying all personal expenses incurred during my involvement with Training Ground.

I agree to all of the above statements.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Thank you again for taking the time to apply. Once you have completed and signed the application, please send it with your picture to the address below. Please be sure to also have your references mail in their completed forms as soon as possible. We will let you know of next steps as we look at your information and pray about your application.