APPLICATION FORM
for the
AB GIRLS NATIONAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

for youth members

Attached is an application form to be completed by a young woman who wishes to serve on the AB GIRLS National Leadership Team. Below is information about this responsibility. Parents or guardians of the applicant must read the Parent Information Newsletter also included with this application packet, and sign the application indicating that they understand the responsibilities and requirements of the position as well.

Youth Members: Four young women who must be in grade 8-10 when applying; 9-12 while serving. These four youth will serve on a team with two adult women and an AB Women's Ministries staff member.

General requirements include:

- a member of an American Baptist church
- active in AB GIRLS for at least one year or has attended a national event for girls sponsored by AB Women's Ministries; or is active in girls' ministries in her church, region, or state; or is active in her church and the youth ministry of her church
- willing to work with others as a team member
- able to speak and write well
- willing to give top priority of her time, talent, and energy to serve on the National Leadership Team, including attendance at national events for girls sponsored by AB Women's Ministries* and team meetings and work between meetings
- ability to travel, usually without adult supervision during travel (supervision will be provided at arrival)
- ability to miss a limited number of school days to permit for travel to and from meetings (the NLT tries to keep missed school days to a minimum)
- written permission of parents or guardians to be a part of the team, carry through on the responsibilities, miss school when required, and travel as necessary

**AB Women's Ministries is currently undergoing transition in terms of national events. In some circumstances, there may be multiple events in a given year that could include members of the NLT. In this case, the NLT and staff will determine how many team members attend each event and assignments will be made accordingly.*

Term of Office:

Two years. A year begins and ends on September 1. Two young women are chosen each year in order to "stagger" the terms.

Responsibilities:

- Team members shall work together to plan the programs and activities of the national AB GIRLS ministry (including national and regional events for girls sponsored by AB Women's Ministries, website, leadership development), as well as developing resources to be available for local girls' ministry leaders.
- One young woman shall be assigned the responsibility to serve as the convenor to chair and assist with organization of the team meetings. She shall also serve as a full voting member of the national AB Women's Ministries executive committee and attend the meetings of that body in October (or TBD) and summer. (Attendance is mandatory; consideration will be given to a slightly altered schedule to allow for school commitments.) Once accepted to the NLT, there is a separate application and interview process for the convenor position.
- Three young women, along with an adult counterpart, shall be assigned the responsibility to implement the plans the team develops for each of the following: Events, Missions, and Promotions.
- Team members covenant to stay in close communication throughout the year and carry through on assigned responsibilities between meetings. Team members covenant to give high priority to responsibilities of the NLT alongside their school and family responsibilities.
- Team members covenant to give freely of their time and talents. In return, AB Women's Ministries covenants to cover the financial costs for a team member to do her job (travel, room and meals during meetings, other expenses such as postage, phone charges, etc.) as outlined in NLT Here's How.
- Team members may occasionally be invited to serve as guest speakers, workshop leaders, and in other roles at AB Women's Ministries or AB GIRLS events across the country as they are available to do so. All invitations need to go through the national office of AB Women's Ministries, and the NLT will help prepare youth and adult members for their participation in these events. However, every member of the NLT should be aware that there is the possibility of extra preparation and travel time for these events.

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Selection Process:

1. This application form must be completed and mailed by **January 31** to the AB Women's Ministries national office. (NLT applications can be submitted at any time during the year. You are encouraged to submit your application by April 1 to be considered for a position on the team the following program year.)
2. References are contacted by the National Coordinator of AB GIRLS following receipt of the application.
3. A committee of the AB GIRLS National Leadership Team will select two youth each year and assign team responsibilities, taking into consideration ethnic and geographic inclusiveness.
4. Final confirmation of acceptance onto the NLT will be pending receipt of all required paperwork (health information form, transportation permission form, and photo permission form). These forms will be sent to the candidate when they are first notified of their acceptance and must be returned by the date indicated to the candidate for her to be confirmed as a member of the NLT.

Commissioning:

Girls selected to serve on the National Leadership Team will be commissioned for this responsibility as part of the National Gathering for Girls program each summer or at an alternative appropriate time chosen by the AB GIRLS coordinator in consultation with staff.

Meetings:

Typically the NLT meets in October (usually the second weekend), in the winter months (usually Martin Luther King, Jr., weekend), and immediately prior to the National Gathering for Girls. Alternate meeting schedules may be determined based on the needs of a given year. Depending on school schedules, this may possibly mean missing a few days of school during the year. For the convenor, who has an extra meeting during the school year and one during the summer, this might mean a total of between six to seven days missed during the academic year; for other youth members, it might mean a total of four days missed during the academic year.

In addition, the team may agree to meet at other times via online or phone conference. NLT members will mutually agree to appropriate dates and times for these meetings.

In addition, a crucial part to dealing efficiently with the responsibilities of the team is consistent and close communication between meetings. NLT members must make a priority of checking and responding to email, an online newsgroup, texts, voice mail, or surface mail promptly. Many questions and items of business are taken care of in this manner.

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Please print or type.

Name_____ Date_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ ZIP_____

Phone home: (____)_____ cell: (____) _____
E-mail _____ @ _____

Date of Birth _____

Applicant's grade in school when this form is being completed: _____
American Baptist church (name/city) where applicant is a member: _____

Pastor's Signature: _____

Parental Permission

Name of parent/guardian_____

Address_____ Phone ( ) _____

I give permission for my daughter/ward to apply for the AB GIRLS National Leadership Team. I will make every effort to support her in this important endeavor. I have read the Parent Information Newsletter, and the information in this packet, and fully understand the responsibilities of the position for which my daughter/ward is applying.

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Signature of parent/guardian *email address*

Past and present involvement in AB GIRLS or youth ministry program, including any offices held.
Begin by listing most recent involvement. Star (*) any offices held currently and indicate when term expires.

Local:

Area/Association:

Region/State:

Past and present involvement, including any offices held, in other church, school, and community organizations.

Church:

School:

Community:

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List any past and present employment experience:

List your talents and skills:

***Please include, on separate paper, a paragraph describing your faith journey, your understanding of your relationship with Jesus Christ, the reasons you are interested in serving on the National Leadership Team for AB GIRLS (including what you feel you have to offer and what you feel you will receive from such service), and anything else you believe will help us know you better.**

Please list the name, address, and phone number, and e-mail if available, of three persons (other than family members)—church leader and/or pastor, teacher, adviser, etc.—that you are using as references. Give each of these persons a copy of the reference form included, and ask that they return them to the national office of AB Women's Ministries by **January 31**.

1. Name: _____ Relationship: _____

   Address: _____ Phone: _____

   E-mail address: _____ Cell phone: _____

2. Name: _____ Relationship: _____

   Address: _____ Phone: _____

   E-mail address: _____ Cell phone: _____

3. Name: _____ Relationship: _____

   Address: _____ Phone: _____

   E-mail address: _____ Cell phone: _____

DEADLINE: Arrive by January 31

MAIL TO:
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REFERENCE FORM

Make copies of this page to give to your references. Have them send the completed form by ***January 31*** to American Baptist Women's Ministries, 1075 First Ave STE C-210, King of Prussia, PA 19406 or info@abwomensministries.org

Name of Applicant: _____

Address of Applicant: _____

The above named person wishes to serve as a member of the AB GIRLS National Leadership Team. Please share your observations about her below:

Her communication skills (*writing and speaking*):

Her leadership skills (*strengths and growing edges*):

How she responds differing opinions; conflict;

What can you share about her ability her to problem solve, think independently and work with diverse (age, cultural, geographic) groups of people?

How she manages her responsibilities and working relationships (*Is she able to complete her responsibilities without a lot of prompting or supervision? Does she work well with others?*

How she displays her faith commitment in daily life:

Feel free to share any additional comments on the back of this form.

Signature: _____ Phone: ( ) _____

Name: _____

Title/Position: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____