

General Information

Thank you for your interest in the 2019 Habitat for Humanity Summer Build Week. This year's trip will be from Monday June 24 to Friday June 28. We will return to partner with Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake and work in inner-city Baltimore. We have a long-standing affiliation with this chapter and are happy to be partnering with them again. We will be staying at University of Maryland Baltimore County Campus (UMBC) in Catonsville. The Habitat for Humanity organization allows only those 16 years of age and older present on the worksite. Therefore, in order to be eligible for this trip, you must be 16 years old by the departure date: **June 24, 2019.**

Commitment to Christ, the parish, to serving others, and to Y.E.S., will all be considered. We want our participants to be committed, focused, and active St. Mary of the Lakes parishioners who are willing to do the work of Christ.

If you are a new applicant, you may have heard about how much fun the trip is. While this is true, Habitat also involves hard work and willingness to participate in retreat activities, such as reflection, prayer and journaling.

Applicants have until May to fulfill the last two requirements.

You must:

- be a high school student age 16 or older;
- be an active, member of Y.E.S. and/or another SML parish ministry;
- hand-in your completed application (attached) and a personal essay by March 10;
- have attended 3 Y.E.S. meetings/events or service projects this year.

Do I need to have construction experience? No! Just a good work ethic.

2019 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY APPLICATION

(Please return only the following two pages and your essay by **March 4.**)

Name _____

Birthdate _____

Address _____

Grade _____

School: _____

Phone Number _____

Have you ever attended a Y.E.S. Habitat for Humanity summer project? When?

Please list all St. Mary of the Lakes activities in which you have been involved during high school. (Y.E.S. meetings, service projects, planning, social events, fundraising activities, ministries etc.) Be as specific as possible - dates are often helpful.

List all other service projects, not related to St. Mary of the Lakes, in which you have been involved and indicate which of these took place this school year:

List all other activities in which you are involved (sports, clubs, extracurricular activities, etc.):

Habitat Application Essay

Please incorporate some of the following questions into your essay and be as honest and as candid as possible:

- Why do you want to participate in the 2019 Habitat for Humanity Build Week?
- What skills or abilities do you bring to this community experience?
- What does service mean to you?
- How do you expect to make a difference through our Habitat experience?
- What do you expect to learn about yourself?
- What do you think it means to live as a missionary disciple?
- If chosen, how will this experience help you to evangelize the good news of Jesus Christ to other young people?

2019 Habitat for Humanity Requirements

Once your application is accepted, we expect that you will participate in the 2019 Habitat for Humanity Build Week, you must:

- **Remain active with Y.E.S. throughout the remainder of the year.**
- **Attend mandatory Habitat meetings**
- **Pay participant fee of \$175**
- **Attend one mandatory Information Night with your parents- *TBD***
- **Hand in all permission slips, payments, paperwork, parent-teen contracts at the parent/participant Information Night.**

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