

General Information

Thank you for your interest in the 2018 Habitat for Humanity Summer Build Week June 19-23. Taking a small group will help to provide a quality experience. 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 19, 2018.**

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.

Commonly Asked Questions

What makes a qualified Habitat 2018 participant? Applicants have until May to fulfill the last two requirements.

You must:

- be a high school student;
- be an active, registered member of Y.E.S. (if you are not registered, please do so.);
- hand-in your completed application (attached) and a personal essay by March 4;
- have attended five Y.E.S. meetings this year;
- have participated in at least two community-oriented service projects;

Will seniority count?

Seniority is not as important as the requirements stated above.

Will I qualify if I have/have not attended Habitat in the past?

Attendance at previous Habitat trips does not automatically qualify you for the trip. We will focus on the previously mentioned requirements. Therefore, there may be individuals who have gone in the past but may not be the best candidates for this year's trip. Or, there may be individuals who have attended in the past and are excellent candidates to return.

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

2018 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY APPLICATION
(Please return only the following two pages and your essay by **March 4**)

Name _____

Birthdate _____

Address _____

Grade _____

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, 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 should we choose you to participate in the 2018 Habitat for Humanity Build Week?

What skills or abilities do you bring to this community experience?

Why do you want to participate in the 2018 Habitat for Humanity trip?

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?

If chosen, how will this experience help you 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?

2018 Habitat for Humanity Requirements

If selected to participate in the 2018 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 \$150.**
- **Attend one mandatory Information Night with your parents- *tentative date is May 6th 7:00pm SML SCHOOL***
- **Hand in all permission slips, payments, parent-teen contracts at the parents/participant Information Night.**

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