

2017 NATIONAL ACTEENS® PANEL APPLICATION

APPLICATION PROCESS

QUALIFICATIONS FOR NATIONAL ACTEENS PANEL

Applicant must:

- be a current junior or senior in high school
- be a Christian
- be a church member
- be a member of an Acteens organization
- participate regularly in missions projects, activities, experiences, etc.
- be able to attend and provide her own transportation to and from a national WMU event in 2017 (event and date TBD)
- agree to serve from February 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017 (Girls graduating from high school during 2017 are eligible to serve.)
- have parent's or guardian's permission to serve as a panelist and fulfill all panelist responsibilities

Note: If you apply as a junior but are not selected as a panelist, please apply again when you're a senior! You can be a panelist only once.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

There are **FOUR** parts to this application that you must complete. **Applications are NOT considered complete without ALL of the information requested.**

- 1. Applicant Information**—Copy the “Applicant Information” sheet (p. 2 of this application) and fill it out **COMPLETELY**. Please print.
- 2. Applicant Photo**—Include in your application packet a high quality, color photo of yourself. Should you be selected as a national panelist, this photo will be used in *The Mag*, on wmu.com/students, and in press releases to Baptist Press and state Baptist newspapers. You will want to look nice in this photo (no candid shots or sports portraits). Photo **MUST** be high resolution (select the highest resolution setting on your camera) and on photo paper. (For a digital photo to be high res, it needs to be at least 1mb.) Do not write on or scratch the photo.
- 3. Questions and Essays**—The “Questions and Essays” sheet (p. 3 of this application) gives instructions for questions you need to answer and essays you need to write as a part of this application. These will tell the National Acteens Panel selection committee about you, your time in Acteens, your involvement in missions, and other information.
- 4. Letters of Recommendation**—You need at least four references to complete the application process. The four required references are your pastor, your Acteens leader, a school teacher, and your state WMU student consultant. (Don't forget to list their names and contact information on the “Application Information” sheet.) If any of those people are family members, please provide information for alternate references. The alternate reference(s) should be a church leader who knows you well (youth minister, Sunday School teacher, etc.).

Copy the “Letter of Recommendation” sheet (p. 4 of this application) to give to each of your references. This sheet will tell your references what kinds of information they need to include in their letters. Their responses and comments will be helpful to the selection committee in evaluating your application. The references themselves are responsible for mailing their letters to national WMU at the address listed on the information sheet. If the teacher or other reference doesn't know what Acteens and/or WMU is, tell him or her!

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION MATERIALS AND REFERENCE FORMS

The deadline for applications and reference letters to arrive at national WMU® in Birmingham, Alabama, is **November 1, 2016**. Completed applications and reference letters should be mailed to:

**National Acteens Panel
Woman's Missionary Union, SBC
100 Missionary Ridge
Birmingham, AL 35242**

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Fill out this page COMPLETELY and include it with all other application materials.
Double check that everything on this page is spelled correctly.

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____
Email Address: _____
Age: _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____ Grade in School: _____ GPA: _____
Name of Church: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION

My daughter has my permission to attend a national WMU event in 2017 (event and dates TBD). I/we will arrange for and provide her transportation to and from this event. I/we understand that WMU, SBC, will provide housing, meals, and chaperones for National Acteens Panelists during this event.

Name of Parent or Guardian (please print): _____
Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____
Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____
Email Address: _____

INFORMATION ABOUT REFERENCES

Write below the names and contact information for your references.

Pastor: _____
Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Acteens Leader: _____
Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

School Teacher: _____
Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

State WMU Student Consultant: _____
Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Your state WMU or convention website will have contact information for your state consultant.

NOTE: If any of the above people are family members, please provide information for alternate references. The alternate reference(s) should be a church leader who knows you well (youth minister, Sunday School teacher, etc.).

Name: _____ Relation to You: _____
Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

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QUESTIONS AND ESSAYS

THE INFORMATION REQUESTED IN EACH NUMBERED ITEM BELOW MUST BE TYPED ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER. TYPE YOUR NAME AT THE TOP OF EACH PAGE.

Applications are **NOT** considered complete without all of the information requested.

When answering the questions and writing your essays, be as **specific** as possible. We can't read your mind!

Grammar, spelling, etc., are important. Once you've finished your application, **proofread everything!**

1. Acteens Involvement

Answer each of the following questions on a separate line/paragraph in the order indicated. Type in the question and then your answer.

- a. How long have you been an Acteens member?
- b. Have you worked on MissionsQuestSM? If so, list all of the quests you have completed.
- c. Have you served as an Acteens Activator? If so, list when and where and describe what you did.
- d. Have you ever been a state Acteens panelist? If so, what years? If in a different state than where you currently live, list the state as well.
- e. Have you ever served on GA[®]/Acteens camp staff? If so, list when and where.

2. Additional Involvement

Provide the following information on a separate line/paragraph in the order indicated. Type in the question and then your answer.

- a. List Acteens activities, besides regular meetings, in which you have participated in the past 12 months.
- b. List activities, besides Acteens, in which you participate regularly at church and school.
- c. Have you gone on any missions trips with your church (other than Acteens Activators trips)? If so, list when and where and describe what you did.

3. Leadership

Provide the following information on a separate line/paragraph in the order indicated. Type in the question and then your answer.

- a. Describe all leadership experience you've had in the past 12 months.
- b. Describe the kind of leader you are.

4. Essays

Put each of the following essays on a **separate sheet of paper**. Each essay must be 500–700 words long. Type in the question and then your answer.

- a. How and when did you become a Christian?
- b. Why is missions important to you?
- c. What is the most meaningful thing you have done in Acteens?
- d. What does it mean to live a missions lifestyle?
- e. The WMU emphasis for 2016–2018 is By All Means, based on 1 Corinthians 9:19–23. Write an essay about what this theme means to you. How do you live a life that is completely dedicated and sold out to God?
- f. In your opinion, what is the value of Acteens for teenage girls?
- g. Why do you believe you should be chosen as a National Acteens Panelist?

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

A Note from National WMU®

The National Acteens® Panel is an elite group of young women who are interested in missions and impacting their world for Christ. Each year up to six young women are selected as National Acteens Panelists by national WMU®.

The young women selected as national panelists have exhibited a strong commitment to Christ and to missions through their involvement in Acteens, leadership responsibilities in their church and community, and dedication to their academic studies. The national panelists represent the finest young women from across the country.

You have been asked to write a letter of recommendation for a young woman who is applying to be on the National Acteens® Panel. Your letter of recommendation will be helpful to the selection committee in evaluating the young woman's application. Below is a list of questions we would like you to answer about the applicant. Any additional information you want to include is welcome. If you have any questions, please email national WMU at acteens@wmu.org.

QUESTIONS

Please provide typewritten responses to the following questions in your letter of recommendation. Include your handwritten signature on your letter.

1. What is your relation to the applicant?
2. How long have you known the applicant?
3. Do you believe the applicant should be a National Acteens Panelist? Why or why not?
4. List specific reasons why the applicant is qualified to be a National Acteens Panelist. Include leadership characteristics and examples of leadership responsibilities.

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Letters must be postmarked on or before **November 1, 2016**.

Mail your letter of recommendation to national WMU at the following address:

National Acteens Panel
Woman's Missionary Union, SBC
100 Missionary Ridge
Birmingham, AL 35242