



The Elevation Experience 2024

PARTICIPANT APPLICATION FORM

Welcome to The Elevation Experience! We are looking forward to receiving your application. Please note that you must fill out the application fully and honestly in order to be considered. You must be 16 years of age by December 31, 2023 in order to be eligible.

Proposed trip dates: July 12 - 31th, 2024 Trip dates are determined by the Rwandan school calendar, which is not finalized until mid-January, 2023. Therefore, trip dates are approximate and won't be finalized until tickets are purchased. Please take a moment to consider whether you are available for this crucial time before you begin your application.

Application form PLUS \$250 deposit (cheque payable to Youth Unlimited) is due by January 23, 2024. Deposit will be refunded if you are not accepted for the program.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name

Address

Home Phone

Applicant Cell Phone

Applicant email address

Birthdate

Current Age

School Grade

Do you have a passport? Yes No

If yes, what is the expiry date?

Home Church (if applicable)

FAMILY & EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO

Parents/Legal Guardians Name(s) (If under 18)

Emergency Contact Name (If over 18)

Address (if different than applicant)

Home Phone

Email Address

Are your parents/guardians supportive of your desire to participate in this project? If not, please explain.

GENERAL INFORMATION

First time applicants, please complete only questions 1-9, as well any explanatory notes.

*Returning applicants, please complete **ALL** questions, as well as any explanatory notes.*

1. Why do you want to be a part of The Elevation Experience and what do you hope to learn through your participation?

(Please attach a separate sheet if you need more room)

*We expect all participants and leaders to commit to the full term of The Elevation Experience, which begins **February 2024** and ends **May 2025**. This includes all 6 mandatory training sessions (Feb 13, March 13, April 10, May 15, June 12, a BBQ near the beginning of July, and a final meeting in mid- to late-July; *dates will be adjusted as per groups availability), active participation in fundraising activities, a 3-week trip, and 10 months of post-trip involvement. ie. social activities, support & awareness events, and mentorship.*

2. Are you prepared to commit to the full term of the The Elevation Experience? Yes No*

3. Are you prepared to attend all pre-trip training sessions? Yes No*

4. Are you currently aware of any potential conflicts with the dates outlined above?

5. Are you willing to do all of the practical preparation necessary for a trip of this nature? This includes timely submission of documentation, fully participating in fundraising activities, ensuring immunization status, etc.
Yes No*

6. What contact have you had with other cultures?

7. What work, camp or service projects have you been a part of?

8. Are you willing to step out of your comfort zone and challenge yourself in a new and different culture? *Are you prepared to be open to new and sometimes uncomfortable situations and keeping an open mind when interacting with other cultures?* Yes No*

9. Are you comfortable around Christian content and values? *You don't have to be a Christian, but are you comfortable with praying, going to church, and talking about God?* Yes No*

10. Are you willing and able to participate in the following activities: Moderate physical labour, children's ministry, worship, food preparation or clean up & small group time? Yes No *

* If you have answered "No" to any of the above, please explain on the next page.

*First time applicants please skip down to **MEDICAL** section.
Returning applicants please complete the following additional questions.*

RETURNING APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. Are you willing to take on a position of greater responsibility? Yes No *

* If "No," please explain.

2. What leadership experience do you have?

3. How do you see yourself contributing to the team?

MEDICAL

Please note that any information shared in this section will be kept in the strictest of confidentiality and that no information shared will automatically exclude you from consideration. As the Elevation Experience includes travel to a foreign country, this information is required for us to best select, prepare, and work with our team, as well as ensure that we have the necessary supports to accommodate for any special concerns. Please complete this section honestly and with as much information as you feel comfortable sharing. We will contact you if we need further details.

1. Have you had any major illness in the past year? *ie. Has caused you to miss 5 or more consecutive days of school or work?* No Yes * If yes, please explain below.

2. Have you experienced any traumatic events in the past year? *ie. Death of a loved one, parental divorce, etc.* No Yes * If yes, please explain below.

3. The Elevation Experience can be stressful and may trigger certain mental health conditions. Do you have now, or have you had in the past, any mental health issue that may interfere with your Experience? *ie. depression, anxiety, disordered eating, panic attacks, etc.* No Yes * If yes, please explain below.

4. Do you have any physical barrier that would hinder your activity on this trip? *ie. chronic disease, food issues, allergies, asthma, etc.* No Yes * If yes, please explain below.

5. Are you currently involved with the use of drugs and/or alcohol? No Yes * If yes, please explain below.

* If you answered yes to any of the above questions, please explain.

LEGAL

1. If you will be over 18 at the time of travel, are you willing to submit to a criminal record check?

Yes No * If no, please explain below.

2. Have you ever been found guilty of a sexual offence? No Yes * If yes, please explain below.

3. Do you have a criminal record? No Yes * If yes, please explain below.

* Please use this space to explain any of your answers above.

REFERENCES (may or may not be contacted)

YFC Staff Member(s) (if applicable)

Name Phone #

Name Phone #

Please list two other personal references:

1. Name Relation to you

Phone # Email Address

2. Name Relation to you

Phone # Email Address

PERSONAL COMMITMENT

The Elevation Experience is more than a trip. It is a growth experience that starts now and continues until May 2025. Are you willing to commit to the fundraising, group preparations, post-trip involvement, standards and activities that will put service and the team first? Your signature below is your commitment to put team and service ahead of personal desire.

Signature of applicant Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian (If applicant is less than 18 years of age) Date _____

Signed application form and \$250 deposit can be handed in to your YFC/Youth Unlimited staff worker or mailed to the Central Office:

**Greater Vancouver YFC/Youth Unlimited
Attn: Christian Hege
115-12975 84th Avenue
Surrey, BC V3W 1B3**

Please remember that the signed applications & deposits are due in the Central Office by January 23rd.