



Youth Handbook

8. FAQ

Do we need to do opening and closing prayers?

Yes, you do! We are a lay Catholic organization whose mission is to serve the poor with love, respect, justice and joy.

Do we need to be connected to an adult conference?

No, you do not but finding an adult SSVP conference to attach your youth conference to will make it easier to connect with the rest of the society. So we recommend locating an adult conference within your community that is open to having a youth conference attached to them and connect with them to help and support you, whether it be with bylaws, aggregation, monetary needs, events, transportation, etc.

Can youth partake in home visits?

Youth are able to partake in home visits but we prefer not to have youth below the age of **18** partake in home visits. We work with young people and that means that we need to be aware of their level of maturity. We do not want to put our youth or those we are serving in any situation that makes either uncomfortable. There are other ways our young people can help in their community so let us utilize those other outlets.

Can I volunteer alone?

No, we require all service work done with the Society to be done in pairs or more for safety.

Are we able to execute new, big projects within our community?

Yes! Absolutely! In fact, we encourage you to come up with big projects within your community. Go around and ask high school students, post-secondary students, young adults, and people within the community to come out and volunteer. It can be a BBQ for the homeless, a fun community day in the food bank, start up a community garden, etc. Have an amazing idea to better your community and we fully support it! Just make sure you run it by your adult conference first, just in case you have any monetary needs, to make sure the project follows our Vincentian mission and so that your adult conference can let the SSVP family know that you are doing AMAZING things!

Do we need the volunteers to fill out all of those forms?

Yes! Because we work with youth we require ALL volunteers to have these forms filled out.

Do we need our volunteers to have police checks?

If you are over the age of **18**, we require you to have a Police Check, like all other Vincentian volunteers. We require you to have volunteer forms completed because we are working with vulnerable people. This will need to be renewed every 5 years, or as per insurance requirements.

What do we do with the forms we've collected?

All forms must be kept together and kept either with the president or with the youth advisor in a safe, easily accessible place.