



*“For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.” -Mark 10:45*

**A.I.M. (Assistance In Mission)** is designed for high school students who have already committed themselves to the road of discipleship with Jesus and desire to gain deeper insight into what it means to be an ambassador of the Kingdom of God. Through a unique and intense ministry approach, AIM will both encourage and challenge your faith, giving you space to take major steps in your relationship with Christ, while stretching you to discover your purpose within his redemptive work throughout all of creation. Directed by a qualified and committed staff, “AIMers” will have the opportunity to be a part of a small community of other students and embark on a two-week intensive discipleship course, committed to in-depth Bible study, acts of service, intentional worship, and fellowship with other students in a similar place within their faith.

There is one two-week session offered next summer and session size is limited in order to maintain the integrity of the program. Students going into tenth grade up through college freshman are invited to apply, but only completed applications will be evaluated and considered toward the applicant’s acceptance into the session.

#### **GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS**

- Commitment to Jesus Christ
- Desire to grow in discipleship
- Strong desire to give of self and to serve others.
- Willingness to *Assist In the Mission* of Calvin Crest
- *Willingness to be guided by schedules and principles established for ministry goals and community living.*

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

- ❑ Complete the enclosed **AIM Application** and a **2016 Summer Registration Form** or apply online at **www.calvincrest.com**
- ❑ Meet with your Sponsor and fill out the **Sponsor Form** together.
- ❑ Submit the **Personal Reference Form** to a Christian teacher, employer, or church elder not related to you and have them complete the form and send it to Calvin Crest. (Note: Your Sponsor and Personal Reference must be two different people.)
- ❑ Submit your completed AIM Application and Registration Form by the Fax/Email/Mailing Address listed at the bottom of the page. **Completed AIM Packets are due no later May 1st, 2016.**

**Please DO NOT send payment at this time. A \$125 Non-Refundable deposit will be due upon acceptance to the program. Final payment is due no later than June 1, 2016.**

**NOTE:** Incomplete applications will not be processed. No application will be processed until Registration Form, Personal Reference Forms and Sponsor Forms have been received. It is the responsibility of the applicant to complete all application requirements.



# Assistance in Mission (AIM) Application

Name (First & Last)		Birthday (Mo/Day/Yr)		Age	Gender MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE <input type="checkbox"/>
Address			Apt #	T-Shirt Size <input type="checkbox"/> SM <input type="checkbox"/> MED <input type="checkbox"/> LRG <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> XXL	
City			State		Zip
Home Phone	Cell Phone		Email		
Grade in Fall 2016	Parent/Guardian Name(s)		Parent/Guardian Phone (If different than above)		

Have you ever been to Calvin Crest before? (Circle One) YES/NO	If Yes please list Year/Camp Attended/if you were a Counselor, Camper, CCA or AIMer:				
What other Camp or Conference experience have you had?					
Do you know anyone who is currently serving on Calvin Staff? (Circle One) YES/NO	If Yes whom?				
Do you smoke? (Circle One) YES/NO	<b>Please Note:</b> Smoking is <u>not</u> permitted while in the AIM Program. If you answer this question "yes," the acceptance of your application depends upon your willingness & ability to abstain during your involvement in the two-week program.				
Do you play a musical instrument? (Circle One) YES/NO	If Yes which instrument(s) and how well?				
What are your Hobbies?	Are you involved in Community Service or other Extra-Curricular Activities?				
What are your plans regarding future schooling or vocation?					
Do you hold any of the following certificates?					
Senior Lifesaving <input type="checkbox"/>	Water Safety <input type="checkbox"/>	Basic First Aid <input type="checkbox"/>	Advance First Aid <input type="checkbox"/>	CPR <input type="checkbox"/>	EMT <input type="checkbox"/>



**Church Affiliation**

Church Name				
Address		City	State	Zip
Church Phone		Pastor's Name		
What Programs do you attend?		How often do you attend?		
Have you held any form of leadership? YES/NO		If Yes please describe:		

**Sponsor/Personal Reference** (A completed Personal Reference Form and Sponsor form are required. No application will be processed without them.)

Sponsor Name (First & last)	Phone/Email
Personal Reference Name (First & last)	Phone/Email

**Please list two other references, not related to you, whom we may contact:** (These individuals do not complete reference forms.)

Reference #1 Name (First & last)	Phone/Email
Reference #2 Name (First & last)	Phone/Email

**Intent and Experience**

Share three reasons, in order of priority, for applying to the AIM program:	
What are some gifts or qualities that you would like to share in the AIM program?	
Have you held any form of leadership?  YES/NO	If so, please describe:



What experience(s) in the past six months have been the most meaningful to your Christian growth?

**ESSAY** (Please type and double-space your answers. Sign and date your essay.)

**Please share your responses to the following questions:**

- Who is God?
- What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus Christ?
- What is the Kingdom of God and what does it mean to be an ambassador of that Kingdom?
- How is service to others an integral part of life in Christ?

**First Time AIM Applicants:**

On a separate piece of paper, write a 100 + word, autobiographical essay, describing

- Why do you desire to follow Christ?
- Who has influenced you in your faith and how?
- Why have you decided to apply for the AIM program and what would you like to gain from it?

**Returning AIM Applicants:**

On a separate piece of paper, write a 100 + word, autobiographical essay, describing

- What were your goals as you were going home from the AIM program last summer? What spiritual changes took place?
- As honestly as possible, evaluate your year so far.
- What do you hope to gain by being part of the AIM program again?

**AIM Commitment Statement** (Please Read and Sign Below)

I understand that as a member of an AIM program session, I will be under the direct supervision of the Calvin Crest staff. I agree to be accountable to their authority and direction. I will accomplish my particular daily assignment and participate in the programmed group Bible studies and activities. I will have a positive attitude toward my work and persons with whom and to whom I serve. I will assume responsibility for my personal appearance and actions and realize that if my work or my behavior is unsatisfactory, I will be removed from the program and sent home. I will cooperate, in every regard, in attitude, and conduct with the guidelines set forth for me by the AIM coordinator(s) and other Calvin Crest staff. I will be of service in any way I can. In whatever I do, I will work toward the achievement of the vision of Calvin Crest: *"Utilizing the environment and resources at 5,000 feet, we partner with churches to train disciples of Jesus Christ, with schools to teach outdoor education, and with communities to bring people to health and wholeness."*

Applicant Signature	Applicant Name (Print)	Date
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***Thank you for your application. Please call to confirm receipt of your application and registration form.  
We will respond to your application within one week of receiving your  
completed application, Registration/Medical form, sponsor form and personal reference form.  
Upon notice of acceptance to the AIM Program, a \$125 Non-Refundable Deposit is due immediately.  
Please call (559) 683-4450 if you have any questions.***



# Assistance in Mission (AIM) Personal Reference

**This Section to be completed by Applicant Only**

Applicant Name (Print)	Date
Please indicate what camp(s) you are applying for ( <i>see Registration Form for session names/codes</i> ):	
I WAIVE my right to see the response on this reference.	Applicant Signature

**For Reference Only** (Please attach and additional sheet if more room is needed.)

The above named person has applied to be part of the AIM program at Calvin Crest Conferences. This experience will be advantageous only if the applicant is qualified in terms of possessing a desire to grow in their discipleship with Jesus Christ, and a willingness to be stretched toward learning what it means to love through the act of service. We recognize that everyone has strengths and limitations, so please give as objective a reference as possible so we can better determine where the applicant can be most effective. Your willingness to complete this reference form is greatly appreciated. Your frank, honest and prompt evaluation will help protect the future interests of the applicant and our camping ministry.

How Long have you known the applicant?	In what capacity have you been associated with the applicant?
What do you consider your relationship with the applicant to be? (circle one) <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Close and personal – 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 - Casual acquaintance</b></p>	
What is your general impression of the applicant?	
Do you consider the applicant qualified and a desirable candidate for the AIM program? (Please include your reasons.)	
Are there any tendencies or traits that you feel might reduce applicant's effectiveness?	

Name (First & Last)	Signature		
Address	City	State	Zip
Phone	Email	Position/Vocation	

**Please return this form by Email/Fax/Mailing Address listed below.**



# Assistance in Mission (AIM) Sponsor Form

## This Section to be completed by Applicant Only

Applicant Name (Print)	Date
Please indicate what camp(s) you are applying for ( <i>see Registration Form for session names/codes</i> ):	
I WAIVE my right to see the response on this reference.	Applicant Signature

## For Sponsor and Applicant (The Applicant must set a meeting with the Sponsor to complete this section. Please attach an additional sheet if more room is needed.)

Every AIM applicant must have a "sponsor" who will nurture and help them process their AIM experience when they return home. A Sponsor can be a pastor, youth director, a church elder, or a close mentor who will agree to both encourage and challenge the applicant's life in faith through further spiritual direction. With your willing participation as a sponsor the AIM experience can last beyond the AIM session itself encouraging further growth in the applicant's discipleship and helping them to be more connected to their local church community.
What goals has the Applicant discussed with you for AIM?
If selected, what commitment can the Applicant make when he/she returns to serve/or be nurtured in your congregation? <i>(i.e., teach Sunday School, participate in Bible studies, meet regularly with you, paint the church, etc.?)</i>
Will you meet with the Applicant when he/she returns to discuss his/her experience, nurture continued Christian growth, and encourage participation in your congregation?
<b>(For AIM Applicant)</b> If selected, how will you be accountable to the spiritual direction of your Sponsor?

## For Sponsor Only

Name (First & Last)	Signature		
Address	City	State	Zip
Phone	Email	Position/Vocation	

**Please return this form by Email/Fax/Mailing Address listed below.**