



ASSISTANTS IN MISSION (AIM) APPLICATION

"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. (Assistants 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 youth and embark on a two-week intensive discipleship course, committed to in-depth Bible study, acts of service, intentional worship, and fellowship with other youth in a similar place within their faith.

There is one two-week session offered 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.

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

1. Complete and return a **2018 Summer Registration Medical Form** (or go online to register)
2. Complete and return the **AIM Application** (also available through online registration)
3. Submit completed **Sponsor Form**. Choose a Pastor, Youth Director, church elder, or mentor who will be your Sponsor. It should be someone who will encourage and challenge you before and after your AIM session. Please meet with your Sponsor and fill this form out together.
4. Submit completed **Personal Reference Form**. Give a blank copy of the Personal Reference Form to your Pastor or Youth Director or any other Christian teacher, church elder, or employer not related to you. Ask them to complete and return the form to Calvin Crest. Your Sponsor and Personal Reference *must be* two different people.
5. A **\$125 Non Refundable Deposit** is due with acceptance to the program. **FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE JUNE 11, 2018.** Applications must be complete for acceptance to the program.

Check-In for AIM is from 2:00-5:00pm on Sunday, June 24, 2018.

Check-Out is from 9:00am-10:00am on Saturday, July 7, 2018.

Please return completed application by Mail, Email, or Fax or go online to www.calvincrest.com to apply!



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 2018	Parent/Guardian Name(s)			Parent/Guardian Phone (If different than above)	

About Yourself

<p>Have you ever been to Calvin Crest before? (circle) YES / NO</p> <p>If YES, please list the year(s) and camp(s) attended:</p>
<p>If NO, have you attended another camp before? (circle) YES / NO</p> <p>If YES, please list camp name and program attended:</p>
<p>Do you know anyone who is currently serving on Calvin Crest staff, will be on staff this summer, or has been on staff in the past? (circle) YES / NO</p> <p>If YES, please list their names:</p>
<p>What do you enjoy doing in your spare time? What are your hobbies, if any?</p>
<p>Are you involved in extra-curricular activities? If so, tell us about your involvement with them.</p>
<p>Do you participate in activities in your community such as volunteer opportunities or community service projects? If so, tell us about your participation in them.</p>
<p>Do you play any musical instruments? (circle) YES / NO</p> <p>If YES, what instrument(s) and how well?</p>
<p>Do you have plans regarding future schooling or vocation? If so, what are your plans?</p>
<p>Do you hold any certificates such as First Aid, Life Guard, CPR, etc.? If so, please list.</p>



Church Affiliation

Church Name			
Address		City	State Zip
Church Phone		Pastor's Name	
What services or programs do you attend, if any?		How often do you attend?	
Have you held any form of leadership? (circle) YES / NO		If YES, please describe your leadership responsibilities:	

Personal Reference

A completed Personal Reference Form is required. The Personal Reference Form should be given to your Pastor or Youth Director or any other Christian teacher, church elder, or employer not related to you.	
Reference Name (First & Last)	Position/Vocation
Reference Phone	Reference Email
Please list two other references, not related to you, whom we may contact: <i>These individuals do not complete reference forms.</i>	
Additional Reference #1 Name (First & last)	Phone/Email
Additional Reference #2 Name (First & last)	Phone/Email

AIM Sponsor

A completed Sponsor Form is required. Choose a Pastor, Youth Director, church elder, or mentor who will be your Sponsor. It should be someone who will encourage and challenge you before and after your AIM session. Please meet with your Sponsor and complete the Sponsor Form together.	
Sponsor Name (First & Last)	Position/Vocation
Sponsor Phone	Sponsor Email

Intent

Share three reasons, in order of priority, for applying to the AIM program:



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?
- What experience(s) in the past six months have been the most meaningful to your Christian growth?
- Utilizing some of your qualities, gifts, talents, and abilities, what do you hope to contribute to the AIM Program?
- Understanding that the AIM Program is an intensive discipleship and service emphasized program with a community focus, what do you hope to gain from the experience?

Returning AIM Applicants:

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

- Tell us about your year. What goals did you have after your last AIM session? Were you able to achieve any of these goals? If so, how? What spiritual growth, if any, have you experienced this year? What factors contributed to your spiritual growth? Tell us about other ways you have changed, grown, or matured this year spiritually, cognitively, and/or emotionally.
- Utilizing some of your qualities, gifts, talents, and abilities, what do you hope to contribute to the AIM Program this year?
- Understanding that the AIM Program is an intensive discipleship and service emphasized program with a community focus, what do you hope to gain from the experience?

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 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: *"To make disciples of Jesus Christ, practice Biblical hospitality, invite people to experience and know God's creation, and partner with peacemakers to bring health and wholeness."*

Applicant Signature

Applicant Name (Print)

Date

Thank you for your application!

Please call to confirm receipt of your Summer Registration Medical Form and AIM Application and to let us know when we can expect to receive your Personal Reference and Sponsor Form.

Upon notice of acceptance to the AIM Program, a \$125 Non-Refundable Deposit is due.

Please call (559) 683-4450 if you have any questions.



Assistants in Mission (AIM) Personal Reference

This Section to be completed by Applicant

Applicant Name (Print)		Date
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) Close and personal – 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 - Casual acquaintance	
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 in the AIM program?	

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

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



Assistants in Mission (AIM) Sponsor Form

This Section to be completed by Applicant

Applicant Name (Print)	Date
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.e., teach Sunday School, participate in Bible studies, meet regularly with you, paint the church, etc.?)

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?

(For AIM Applicant) 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	

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