

# Next Level Team

The *Next Level Team* is designed for students who are interested in receiving some leadership development training. They sense God calling them to a deeper level of commitment in their walk with Jesus, their youth group, and their church. Maybe they are also being called into ministry, maybe not, but one thing they know is that they need to step up and get more involved.

If you have a student leader in your group that you would like to see receive some leadership development training and some intensive mentoring, this is the team for them.

The requirements for the *Next Level Team* are:

- The student has a desire to go deeper in their faith.
- The student demonstrates spiritual leadership potential.
- The student has completed 9<sup>th</sup> grade.
- The students will submit a unique camp application along with a youth leader recommendation.

As you can see, we are requiring *Next Level Team* candidates to submit an application along with a youth leader recommendation. Students failing to submit the *Next Level Team* application and youth leader recommendation will not be placed on this team.

All *Next Level Team* candidates are required to complete and send in the Registration Form, Medical Release Form, HLGU Waiver, and deposit like all other students.

**ALL NEXT LEVEL TEAM APPLICATIONS & REFERENCE MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 13, 2019.**

As a youth leader or church ministry leader, we are VERY DEPENDENT upon your recommendation. The *Next Level Team* experience will not be designed for everyone and we urge you to encourage any candidates to take this opportunity and application seriously.

## **Questions?**

Contact Jason Walters at  
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or

314-640-7984



# NEXT LEVEL APPLICATION

Dear Next Level Team Applicant,

Thanks for your interest in being part of the Next Level Team at Super Summer this year. We are assuming that you are interested in Next Level because you are sensing that God is calling you to step up and be a leader in your church and youth group. Our desire is to give you some practical training in leadership and provide mentoring to help you develop as a student leader.

There are a few things we want you to know. First, the Next Level Team is for students who have completed 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades. If you are currently in 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade, we are excited about what God is doing in your life, but you will need to wait another year or two before participating in Next Level. Second, the Next Level Team is NOT exclusively for students who are sensing a call to ministry leadership but for any student who recognizes that God is working in their life, who is ready to get serious about being a follower of Jesus, and who wants to receive some practical training in how to be a better student leader. Third, during the week of Super Summer the Next Level Team will meet at the same times that the other teams meet. In other words, if you are approved to be on the Next Level Team, you will not be a part of another team – Orange, Yellow, Green, or Silver. However, you will be able to spend time with friends on other teams during meals, the Morning Show, afternoon recreation, and evening worship.

In order to apply for the Next Level Team you must complete the enclosed application as well as submit a recommendation letter from your youth leader. The Next Level Team Application and Recommendation Letter must be submitted by **May 13, 2019**. Please send these documents/forms to this address:

**Missouri Baptist Convention  
ATTN: Super Summer  
400 E. High Street  
Jefferson City, MO 65101**

If you have questions, please contact Jason Walters at [jwalters@mobaptist.org](mailto:jwalters@mobaptist.org) or 314-640-7984.

We are excited to explore this opportunity with you!

For Jesus,

Jason Walters and the Making Disciples Group



## NEXT LEVEL TEAM: APPLICATION

Student Name:	Current Grade in School:
Church:	

Please answer the following questions:

1. Has there ever been a time in your life when you made a decision to follow Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

Share your journey with Christ in the space below using the following outline.  
Describe how you came to faith in Jesus. [Be Clear]

Describe how this has impacted your life. [Be Specific]

Provide an accurate description of your current walk with Jesus. [Be Honest]

2. Tell us about your personal devotional time with God. What does this time consist of, and how often do you do this?

3. The Next Level Team is designed for students who sense God calling them to step up and be leaders. Why do you feel like you should be part of Next Level?

4. Explain your understanding of what it means to make disciples and describe how you are currently involved in being disciplined and in disciplining others.

5. Check the box which accurately describes your participation in the following offered by your home church and youth group.

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Often</u>	<u>Seldom</u>	<u>Never</u>
Small Group/Discipleship	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Church Worship Service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mid-Week Bible Study	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Camps, Retreats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mission Opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. Check the appropriate box for the following:

Moral/Sexual Purity:

- 1. Is a struggle/stronghold
- 2. Is a victory/ testimony
- 3. Has never been an issue

Tobacco:

- 1. Is a struggle/stronghold
- 2. Is a victory/ testimony
- 3. Has never been an issue

Drugs/Alcohol:

- 1. Is a struggle/stronghold
- 2. Is a victory/ testimony
- 3. Has never been an issue

Self-Worth:

- 1. Is a struggle/stronghold
- 2. Is a victory/ testimony
- 3. Has never been an issue

7. If you attended Super Summer last year, specifically describe how you applied what you learned when you returned home.

Check here if you did not attend Super Summer last year.

## NEXT LEVEL TEAM: YOUTH LEADER RECOMMENDATION LETTER

STUDENTS – Please give this form to your youth leader to fill out. Attach the completed letter to your application. **Your application and recommendation letter must be submitted by May 13, 2019.**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student you are providing a recommendation for: \_\_\_\_\_

The following questions are considered on a scale of (-5) to (+5), with the positive numbers indicating strengths and the negative numbers weaknesses. A response of (0) indicates no opinion. Please comment only in those areas with which you are familiar.

### LEADERSHIP ABILITIES:

Demonstrates good leadership abilities	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4	+5
Reliability	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4	+5
Adaptability	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4	+5
Finishes projects	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4	+5
Works well with others	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4	+5

### SPIRITUAL QUALITIES

Demonstrates a growing relationship with Jesus	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4	+5
Has love and concern for others (Servant's heart)	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4	+5
Teachable and noncritical attitude	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4	+5
Growing Christ-likeness	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4	+5
Attendance and involvement in the local church	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4	+5

### ATTITUDE

Generally cheerful	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4	+5
Deals tactfully with others	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4	+5
Courteous and considerate towards others	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4	+5
Sense of humor	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4	+5
Emotionally self-controlled	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4	+5
Cooperative	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4	+5
Handles criticism well and acts to improve	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4	+5

I have observed in the lifestyle of this student the potential for leadership (not necessarily vocational Christian ministry) in the local church.

Youth Leader Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Use the back of this page to include any additional comments you feel would be helpful for us to get to know your student better. If you want to talk directly to the Making Disciples Group about an individual, please feel free to call Jason Walters at 314-640-7984.