

The Episcopal Diocese of Florida  
Diocesan Youth Ministry



Junior Weekend Advisor (JWA)  
**New Beginnings #11**  
**November 3-5, 2023**

**Application Deadline for Junior Weekend Advisor is August 20, 2023.**

➔ Each arrow represents a place where a signature is required **before** mailing this application.

I am applying to be Junior Weekend Advisor for **New Beginnings #11 to be held November 3-5, 2023.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Name/pronouns used \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been confirmed? \_\_\_\_\_

Youth group you attend \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Did you attend New Beginnings as a candidate? If so, which one? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you attend Happening as a candidate? If so, which one? \_\_\_\_\_

New Beginnings teams worked? \_\_\_\_\_ Happening teams worked? \_\_\_\_\_

**Accepting a call to serve on a New Beginnings team is an important commitment.**

- Serving as JWA is a major responsibility to be carried out with humility and total commitment to serving God and His church.
- The JWA must be willing to adhere to the rules of New Beginnings and to accept the decisions of the Lay Director and the New Beginnings Steering Committee. Please enter into this commitment prayerfully and with the support of your family, priest, and youth leader.
- Your application must be complete and have all appropriate signatures.
- Attach a photo to your application.
- Email a one-page personal statement to [youth@diocesefl.org](mailto:youth@diocesefl.org). Your statement should reflect your faith and how you live that faith out in the world. Please include how you nurture your faith on a regular basis. Explain in detail how you are involved in the life and worship of your own Episcopal Church. The essay will be forwarded to the NB Committee members prior to selection.
- You must have recommendations from your Priest, a community member, your youth leader and a parent. Your application will not be considered until the letters or emails are received. Recommendation cover letters follow below this application.

➔ I believe that I am serving my Lord and living as a Christian example to my peers. I am mentally and spiritually capable of serving as JWA. I understand that I am responsible to the New Beginnings Steering Committee and their decisions regarding the operation of New Beginnings, and I agree to live by the standards for this event. \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant signature

➔ This applicant is an active participant in Parish activities and worship. He/She is a leader in youth activities, and to the best of my knowledge is living as a Christian example in his/her community. I understand that I will need to send a letter or email of support for the applicant.

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Episcopal Priest signature

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Episcopal Youth Leader signature

➔ I understand that serving as JWA requires a major time commitment as well as minor financial responsibilities.

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature

Send your application to

Angela Boyd  
3329 Labrea Way  
Jacksonville, FL 32223.

Phone 904-610-0776  
E-mail: [youth@diocesefl.org](mailto:youth@diocesefl.org)

**Applications must be completed in FULL and RECEIVED by Sunday, August 20, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. This retreat weekend will be held at Camp Weed in Live Oak, FL.**





**To:** Adult Community Member

**From:** The New Beginnings Steering Committee Diocese of Florida

**Re:** New Beginnings Junior Weekend Advisor Recommendation

Junior Weekend Advisor Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline for recommendation \_\_\_\_\_

The above-named person is seeking the position of Junior Weekend Advisor of New Beginnings in the Diocese of Florida. The junior weekend advisor is responsible for leading an Episcopal youth retreat for approximately 60 youth. To be considered for the position, each applicant must have a letter of recommendation from an adult in their community. Please indicate through an email sent to [youth@diocesefl.org](mailto:youth@diocesefl.org) your recommendation for this applicant, including answers to the following questions:

1. How long and in what capacity have you known this applicant?
2. Do you consider the applicant to be a leader among his/her peers? Please give specific examples of his/her leadership ability.
3. Briefly describe the applicant's spiritual maturity.
4. Add any thoughts that may help the New Beginnings Steering Committee make a decision about the ability of this applicant to serve as a New Beginnings Junior Weekend Advisor.

If you cannot recommend this applicant, please indicate in an email that you are unable to support this person. Your honesty is appreciated and confidential, and will help maintain a healthy New Beginnings program.

Any questions may be directed to Angela Boyd, Lay Director of New Beginnings, at [youth@diocesefl.org](mailto:youth@diocesefl.org) or phone number 904-610-0776.



**To:** Priest of New Beginnings Junior Weekend Advisor Applicant  
**From:** The New Beginnings Steering Committee Diocese of Florida  
**Re:** New Beginnings Junior Weekend Advisor Recommendation

Junior Weekend Advisor Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_  
Deadline for recommendation \_\_\_\_\_

The above-named person of your parish is seeking the position of Junior Weekend Advisor of New Beginnings in the Diocese of Florida. The junior weekend advisor is responsible for leading an Episcopal youth retreat for approximately 60 youth. In order to be considered for the position, each applicant must have a letter of recommendation from an adult in their community. Please indicate through an email sent to [youth@diocesefl.org](mailto:youth@diocesefl.org) your recommendation for this applicant, including answers to the following questions:

1. Has the applicant regularly attended church worship services at your church for at least one year?
2. Is the applicant regularly involved in other activities in your church (youth group, Sunday school, missions, acolyte, lay reader, choir, service projects, etc.)?
3. Has this applicant been confirmed in the Episcopal Church?
4. Do you consider the applicant to be a leader among his/her peers?
5. Briefly describe the applicant's spiritual maturity.
6. Add any thoughts that may help the New Beginnings Steering Committee make a decision about the ability of this applicant to serve as a New Beginnings Junior Weekend Advisor.

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**To:** Youth Leader of New Beginnings Junior Weekend Advisor Applicant

**From:** The New Beginnings Steering Committee Diocese of Florida

**Re:** New Beginnings Junior Weekend Advisor Recommendation

Junior Weekend Advisor Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline for recommendation \_\_\_\_\_

The above-named person of your parish youth group is seeking the position of Junior Weekend Advisor of New Beginnings in the Diocese of Florida. The junior weekend advisor is responsible for leading an Episcopal youth retreat for approximately 60 youth. In order to be considered for the position, each applicant must have a letter of recommendation from an adult in their community. Please indicate through an email sent to [youth@diocesefl.org](mailto:youth@diocesefl.org) your recommendation for this applicant, including answers to the following questions:

1. Has the applicant regularly attended your youth group for at least one year?
2. Is the applicant regularly involved in other activities in your youth group or church (youth group, Sunday school, missions, acolyte, lay reader, choir, service projects, etc.)?
3. Do you consider the applicant to be a leader among his/her peers?
4. Briefly describe the applicant's spiritual maturity.
5. Add any thoughts that may help the New Beginnings Steering Committee make a decision about the ability of this applicant to serve as a New Beginnings Junior Weekend Advisor.

If you cannot recommend this applicant, please indicate in an email that you are unable to support this person. Your honesty is appreciated and confidential and will help maintain a healthy New Beginnings program.

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**To:** Parent/Guardian(s) of New Beginnings Junior Weekend Advisor Applicant

**From:** The New Beginnings Steering Committee Diocese of Florida

**Re:** New Beginnings Junior Weekend Advisor Recommendation

Junior Weekend Advisor Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline for recommendation \_\_\_\_\_

Your son/daughter is seeking the position of Junior Weekend Advisor of New Beginnings in the Diocese of Florida. This is a major time commitment; **many hours of planning, working with advisors and leadership team, and individual work will be required.** Some financial obligations do exist. Meals and gas are often an expense since meetings are held in a variety of locations. Under no circumstances do we want a person to decline to apply for Junior Weekend Advisor because of expenses. Most parishes are willing to help with team fees if requested. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Lay Director of New Beginnings.

Please indicate through an email sent to [youth@diocesefl.org](mailto:youth@diocesefl.org) your willingness to recommend and support your child for Junior Weekend Advisor of New Beginnings. Include in your recommendation answers to the following questions:

1. Briefly describe your child's leadership ability.
2. Briefly describe your child's spiritual maturity.
3. Describe how your child is involved in church services and youth group within your parish.
4. Add any thoughts that may help the New Beginnings Steering Committee make a decision about the ability of this applicant to serve as a New Beginnings Junior Weekend Advisor.

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