

Guidelines for Selecting an LWML Young Woman Representative (YWR)

- Any mature young woman, preferably 22-35 years of age, who is a member of the LCMS and has not previously attended a national convention as a Young Woman Representative may become a YWR.
- A YWR candidate has a deep love and devotion for her Lord Jesus Christ and is willing to participate in the full scope of the convention.
- A YWR candidate will fill out the application completely and honestly and return it to the district by the date it is due.
- A YWR candidate is willing to be away from home/work for the entire convention and the travel time involved.

The YWR should:

- Have a strong relationship with her Lord. Her faith will encourage her as she participates in the convention and carries out her YWR duties and responsibilities;
- Have some knowledge of the LWML. She will gain much from her national convention experience if she understands the basics of the organization. **Each district should make an effort to provide education and information for the YWR prior to the convention;**
- Know what is expected of her on the district level after the national convention, whether that is speaking engagements, attendance at district events or YWR committee work;
- Have experience or potential in at least two of the following areas: speaking, leading, recruiting or encouraging. Since she will be expected to impact others with her convention experience, skills in these areas will be helpful; and
- Have a desire to make a difference, be willing to assume the responsibilities given her by the district, and serve in a sincere and dedicated manner. Enthusiasm to learn and be involved is a must!

What is expected of a Young Woman Representative?

- A YWR will attend all sessions of the convention, sitting with her district delegation, though she will not be eligible to vote.
- A YWR will be asked to report on her convention experience either orally or in written form to the district, zone or society that nominated her.
- A YWR will commit to being involved in her local LWML as well as encourage other young women to be active in the LWML.

These guidelines are suggestions to empower your YWR program to have the greatest effect on the young women of your district. May the Lord lead and guide you in your selection process!

Young Woman Representative Application



Convention: (circle one) National District **Date** _____

Theme: _____

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Occupation _____

Home Congregation _____

Phone _____ email _____

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper or type:

- 1) The LWML motto is "Serve the Lord with gladness" (Psalm 100:2). How do you do this in your life?
- 2) What groups and activities are you involved in or have you been involved in at your church?
- 3) What do you know about the LWML? Have you been involved at any level?
- 4) Why do you desire to be a Young Woman Representative for the district?
- 5) What do you feel your special interests, talents, and gifts are?
- 6) Will you commit to serve in some capacity in your district after the convention?
- 7) Your district is making a financial commitment to send you to the LWML convention. It will be an exciting and spiritually inspiring event with very little free time. Do you intend to participate in the full scope of the convention?

Please have someone who knows you well, perhaps the person who encouraged you to apply, answer the following question, "Why do you feel this woman would make a good Young Woman Representative?" Have them attach this answer on a separate sheet of paper along with their name and relationship to you.