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APPLICATION
for admission



What is Saving Grace?

Saving Grace is a "Christ-centered, SAFE HARBOR offering acceptance, restoration and hope to young women of Northwest Arkansas, preparing them for interdependent living." Located in Rogers, Arkansas, we are all about helping young women (ages 17-24) in transition, specifically those aging out of foster care/group homes. We also serve the needs of young women facing homelessness and without a sustaining network of relationships.

We are committed to . . .

- **Providing an affordable & safe place to live** where each resident will find acceptance and solace. The Saving Grace home mirrors dormitory style living, with both private & shared space, where residents can develop self-discipline & interpersonal skills.
- **Offering local growth opportunities:** Northwest Arkansas is rich with career and educational opportunities to help in the development of personal & marketable skills. We help each young woman identify these resources & utilize them in reaching her fullest potential.
- **Helping residents develop supportive relationships:** Saving Grace helps each resident develop friendships and lifelong connections with mentors where she will find acceptance, personal growth challenges, and sustainability for both now & in the future.
- **Equipping young women with life skills they need to excel, not just survive:** Each resident participates in weekly Life Skills classes taught by community members with skills & interests in various subjects.
- **Encouraging citizenship opportunities and community involvement:** In addition to the contributions that each resident makes to the Saving Grace house and community, she also makes a regular contribution to her community through volunteerism at a local non-profit and involvement in a local church or civic organization.
- **Instilling courage to reconcile with past trauma or hurt:** We strongly encourage each resident to participate in Christian-based counseling and/or a support group in order to confront personal hurts, take the time to grieve, and develop healthy coping skills. Through these supports she will be better equipped to face life's difficulties with strength, perseverance, and resiliency

The Application Process

The average length of time between application and move-in for more residents is **approximately 2 weeks**. The reason for this is that the application process is really focused on getting to know you and your goals, your needs, and support system. In addition, our hope and goal is that you will walk away knowing what the expectations would be for you within the Saving Grace community.

STEPS WE TAKE

The steps involved in the application process include:

- Application & Review
- Tour
- Interview (preferably on-site)
- Information Gathering (reference checks, obtaining records, etc.)
- Communicating a Decision

ADMISSION CRITERIA

Applicants will need to meet the following criteria:

- Female
- Between the ages of 18-25 (unless emancipated at 17)
- Able to pass a clean drug screen/test
- Can manage mental health issues with medication and outpatient treatment
- Looking for long-term solutions instead of short-term fixes.

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REASONS FOR REFERRAL

An individual may be referred to different agency or community support if one or more of the following is true:

- The individual does not meet the admissions criteria (*see left*)
- She has dependent children that live with her
- The young woman is not ready to commit to the opportunities available to her at Saving Grace
- She is looking for emergency shelter only, such as in the event of domestic violence or other personal crisis.
- When an alternative housing option would be a better fit

personal information

Contact Info

Name _____ Age _____
Birthdate _____ SS# _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Physical Identifiers

Height _____ Weight _____ Eye Color _____ Hair Color _____
Scars/Tattoos/Piercings: _____
Race (Optional): White Hispanic Native American Asian African American Other:

How did you learn about Saving Grace?

Friend/Relative Newspaper/TV/Media Support Person
 Other (please describe): _____

current living situation

Describe your current living situation over the last four months (Select all that apply)

Staying with friends Staying with family Shelter
 Own place Jail or Prison With spouse
 On the street Foster care Group home
 Hospital or Treatment Facility
 Other. Please describe: _____

What has happened that has you considering a change in your living situation? _____

Are you currently or have you ever been placed into foster care? If yes, when and for how long? _____

resources

Personal Resources

What are some of your personal strengths? _____

Is there anyone in your life who could help you achieve your goals? If so, please describe: _____

Do you own/have any of the following? (Check all that apply)

Driver's License or State ID #: _____ Vehicle. If yes, is it insured? _____

Birth Certificate Health Insurance

Financial Resources

How do you currently support yourself? _____

What regular income do you receive? _____

How do you see supporting yourself at Saving Grace? _____

Do you have a bank account? Yes No

What debts do you currently have? _____

Do you receive government assistance of *any* kind? Yes No If yes, what: _____

education

Check Highest Education GED High School: 9 10 11 12 College: 1 2 3 4

Other: _____

Do your future plans include completing any of the following? (please select all applicable)

GED High School Vocational Training College Degree

Learning disadvantages/disabilities: _____

If applicable, what is your desired field of study?: _____

family history & relationships

Please describe your relationship with . . .

Father: _____

Mother: _____

Siblings: _____

Dependent Children/Extended Family: _____

Additional Support Persons: _____

legal

Have you ever been arrested? Yes No If yes, for what? _____

Did you do jail time for the offense? Yes No If yes, when? _____

Are you currently incarcerated? Yes No Projected release date? _____

Are you on probation or parole? Yes No (If yes, please answers questions below)

Name of PO: _____ Phone #: _____

Have you been questioned or charged for physical violence against another person? Yes No

Have you ever been or are you currently associated with a gang? Yes No

Substance Use/Abuse

Have you ever taken illegal drugs? Yes No What have you used?: _____

Have you been questioned or charged with the possession or sale of illegal drugs? Yes No

We require a drug screening to enter the program. Do you think you would pass? Yes No

employment history

Please list employment starting with the most recent

Employer _____ City/State _____

Title/Position _____ Salary/Hourly _____

Supervisor _____ Phone _____

Dates of Employment _____

If no longer employed, why did you leave? _____

Employer _____ City/State _____

Title/Position _____ Salary/Hourly _____

Supervisor _____ Phone _____

Dates of Employment _____

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Title/Position _____ Salary/Hourly _____

Supervisor _____ Phone _____

Dates of Employment _____

If no longer employed, why did you leave? _____

health

Mental Health

Have you ever had counseling or any other form of therapeutic help? Yes No

If yes, when? _____

Have you ever been treated for wanting to hurt yourself or others? Yes No

If yes, when? _____

Have you been diagnosed with any form of mental illness/condition? Yes No

If yes, what? _____

Physical Health

Are you taking regular medications (OTC or Prescription)? Yes No

If yes, please list drugs and what they are for: _____

Do you have any medical conditions that would be important for us to know about? _____

Do you think that you may be pregnant? Yes No (If yes, have you been tested?: Yes No

Dental Health

When was your last dental exam? _____

Are you having any issues with your teeth right now? Yes No If yes, what? _____

references

List three references who are aware of your situation and could verify your need and willingness to work with the program at Saving Grace.

1 **Name** _____ Relationship _____

Phone _____ Email _____

How long has he/she known you? _____

2 **Name** _____ Relationship _____

Phone _____ Email _____

How long has he/she known you? _____

3 **Name** _____ Relationship _____

Phone _____ Email _____

How long has he/she known you? _____

comments

What would you like us to know or consider about you regarding your application to Saving Grace?

signatures

I understand an application is not a guarantee of admission and Saving Grace determines applicant eligibility for admission and does not disclose rationale for denial of admission.

By signing below, I acknowledge and understand this application will be used to consider my eligibility to live at Saving Grace. If accepted, I will sign a conduct covenant, occupancy agreement, and other documents outlining the terms for living at Saving Grace to uphold my safety and the safety of the other residents. I understand my references will be contacted to verify the honesty of my statements. I also understand my eligibility will be based on the availability of the space in the home to assist me in my particular needs. Saving Grace will make a decision based on this application, my interview, and availability of space. If my statements are found to be falsely represented at any point or I have demonstrated an unwillingness to work within the expectations and terms of my admission, I may be exited from Saving Grace immediately. I also give permission for Saving Grace to request official documents, make professional inquiries, or complete background checks on me to verify the information I have given them.

Signature of Applicant	Printed Name	Date
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Signature of Witness	Printed Name	Date
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For Office Use Only
Date of Application _____ *Interview:* Yes No *(If Yes, Date: _____)*
Accepted for Move-In: Yes No *(If Yes, move-In Date: _____)*

Notes

WHO AM I?

Why are we asking for this information?

Each young woman who lives at Saving Grace is connected with three mentors of various ages. These women work together and come alongside each resident (or mentee) to help her reach her goals while at Saving Grace (and beyond). Because the mentor relationship is important, **we take mentor/mentee matching seriously**. We hope the following questions will help us match you with available mentors who have common interests, likes, and/or personalities.

The details . . .

Name _____ Age _____ Birthday _____
 Phone _____ Email _____
 Clothing Sizes (for gifts): Tops _____ Bottoms _____ Shoes _____
 Three words that describe me are _____
 Something I wish people knew about me: _____

Finish the sentence . . .

Some of my hobbies & interests include _____
 I would really like to learn how to _____
 I am good at _____
 My favorite way to relax is _____
 My favorite way to spend a Saturday is _____
 I am most comfortable around people when _____
 I would like to visit _____

My favorite . . .

Song _____ Drink _____ Animal _____
 Type of Food _____ Color _____ Candy _____
 Snack _____ Movie _____ Toy Growing Up _____
 Other. Please describe: _____