



**LOUDONVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
VOLUNTEER DRIVER APPLICATION FORM**

**DATE:**

We often need help in transporting students on field trips. Our school parents have been generous in their assistance. The purpose of this form is to reduce the liability of the school and volunteer drivers. If you are interested in helping with such needs during the school year, please fill out this form and return it along with copies of your driver's license and your current vehicle insurance card to the school.

Name:		Drivers License #:		Expiration:	
Address:		City:	State:	Zip:	
Phone (H):		Phone (W):		Phone (Cell):	
<b>Car #1</b>	Make/Model/Year:	Working seat belts (#):		License Plate #:	
<b>Car #2</b>	Make/Model/Year:	Working seat belts (#):		License Plate #:	
Insurance Carrier:			Policy #:		
<b>Are you licensed to drive a commercial vehicle?</b>				Yes	No
<b>Have you been in an accident in the last three years? If you answered YES, please describe the accident and its cause on another sheet of paper and attach it to this form.</b>				Yes	No
<b>Have you been ticketed for moving violations within the last three years? If you answered YES, please describe the infractions on another sheet of paper and attach it to this form.</b>				Yes	No
<b>Have you been convicted for DWI/DUI of alcohol or drugs, or had your license suspended for moving violations, hit and run, eluding an officer, reckless or negligent operation of a vehicle, or driving while under suspension or revocation in the last six years? If you answered YES, please describe the infractions on another sheet of paper and attach it to this form.</b>				Yes	No
<b>Requirements for Volunteer Drivers</b>			<b>I certify that I:</b>		
I possess a valid NYS driver's license. <b><u>Please attach a photocopy of your driver's license and copy of your current vehicle insurance card.</u></b>					
I understand that in case of any type of accident, injury, or vehicle damage, the school's liability insurance policy does not provide primary or direct insurance on my vehicle. The school's insurance will take effect only after my personal auto insurance limits are exhausted. (Note: This is the only coverage that most nonprofit organizations can provide because of the impossibility of their affording or even obtaining primary or direct coverage on the vehicles of volunteer drivers.)					
I will advise the school of any change in information provided on this form including, but not limited to, involvement in a car accident in which I am cited, any citations for moving violations, non-renewal of license, termination of insurance, or change in vehicle.					
Students riding in my vehicle will be seated and will be secured with individual working seat-belts. (No double belting of children is permitted.) As required by state law, I will have a child restraint seat for each child age 7 and under or less than 40 pounds. LCS students age 12 and under must ride in the back seat.					
To my knowledge, my vehicle is in safe operating condition (brakes, tires, etc.)					
I will read and follow the Driver and Chaperone instructions sheet for the field trip. (see reverse)					
I affirm that I will carefully transport students under my care, including obeying all traffic laws. The information given on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.					
Signed:			Date:		
LCS Business Office Approval:			Date:		
			Approved:		
			Denied:		

# LCS Chaperone Instructions

**Our school greatly depends on the involvement of our school parents for transportation and chaperoning of field trips and other off-site events. We appreciate your taking the time to support your child's school and its activities. The following are guidelines that we ask all drivers and chaperones to follow:**

*If you own or have access to a cellular telephone, please bring it with you on the trip for safety reasons. In case of illness or emergency, please notify the office immediately. Call 518-434-6051.*

*It is important for volunteers to realize that they are acting as Christian role models for our students. Please be an example by demonstrating maturity in actions, attitudes, and dress. A classroom teacher will be in charge of each field trip and will direct the volunteers as to what is expected of them.*

*Only children enrolled in the class or activity may go. Under no circumstances may guests or siblings attend a field trip unless the trip is announced as a special family event where other siblings are specifically invited. Many of our field trip destinations, especially commercial businesses, will not allow smaller children to accompany the field trip. Please do not make arrangements for someone else to meet you at the field trip or event site with siblings. We believe that it is nearly impossible for a mother of a small child to give that child the proper attention and also be able to give the necessary vigilance to supervising a group of field trip students. The first responsibility of each volunteer is to the students being supervised. Thank you for understanding.*

*Chaperones are responsible for the behavior of those students assigned to them. In private vehicles, the driver is responsible for the children's behavior. If you are experiencing difficulties, please report the problem immediately to the teacher or other supervising adult. Do not allow rowdiness, disrespect, inappropriate voices, etc. Do not allow dangerous or potentially dangerous behavior on the trip.*

*Chaperones should make it a special point to remain with the students for whom they are responsible. They should keep the students who rode with them close to them. They should vigorously resist the temptation to group with other adults while allowing the student to "do their own thing."*

*Chaperones, enjoy the students! However, if you have a problem with any student, take him/her to the teacher or supervising adult.*

*Know exactly how many students are in your small group and count, count, count, all day! Keep a roll if necessary. Be sure that all are present before moving from one place to another (especially when heading home).*

*Students are to return with the same person and vehicle that transported them for this event. Exceptions to this can be made only by an administrator or the sponsoring teacher. Usually, exceptions are reserved for emergency situations only.*

*Drivers and chaperones should refrain from purchasing special treats for the children they are supervising unless all the children in the class benefit equally.*

*If you have questions about any aspect of the field trip, expectations of drivers/chaperones, or expectations for student behavior, please ask for assistance from the teacher or other person in charge.*

## Additional Instructions for Driver Chaperones

*Please allow the teacher to make vehicle assignments for students. If you have a suggestion or preference, please let the teacher know a day ahead of time so this can be taken into consideration. Teachers sometimes have special reasons that they may not be free to explain for assigning specific seating arrangements. You will be provided with a list of the names of the children being transported in your vehicle.*

*Please arrive at school at least ten to fifteen minutes before departure time. Schedules are sometimes tight.*

*Copies of the Emergency Phone #'s and Medical Information for all students will be with the teacher if the trip destination is more than ten miles from the school.*

*Seat belts must be worn at all times. It is for this reason that children may be transported only in the cabs of pickup or other types of trucks. Note that only one child is permitted per working seat belt.*

*Please be sure that you understand the route to be taken. A map and/or directions will be provided by the teacher. Please stick to the assigned route to and from the field trip. Do not take a "better" way or stop for snacks unless this is part of the teacher's plan.*

*It is expected that you will obey all traffic laws including maintaining acceptable speed limits.*

*Children must not be left unattended in a vehicle.*

*When traveling, cars will "caravan" together. At no time should cars pass the "lead car" or take "side trips" away from the caravan. Nor should you take "chances" to keep up with the caravan, such as entering an intersection when the light is already yellow.*

*Please call the school right away if you experience car trouble or become lost. If someone has been hurt or is ill, and the teacher is not readily available for consultation, please call the school for instructions.*

*Children must enter and leave the vehicle from the curbside unless the vehicle is in a protected parking area or driveway.*

*Students should not eat or drink in your car without your permission. They have been instructed to use quiet voices when talking and to keep their hands/feet to themselves. If any student does not cooperate, please inform the teacher.*

**Thank you for being a chaperone or driver for this event. We truly appreciate your help. - LCS**