



**Dear Zone and Society Presidents:**

Below are the timeline and the **updated version** of the *YWR Eastern District Application and Guidelines for Selecting a Young Woman Representative* for the **2026 Eastern District Convention**. The convention will take place June 12 – 14, 2026 at the DoubleTree Resort by Hilton in Lancaster, PA. **Note that the application is strictly for the Eastern District and not National.**

You will also be able to access both the application and guidelines on the LWML Eastern District website.

Below is the approximate timeline:

- By **January 30th**, all societies need to turn in their applications to their respective Zone Presidents. Society Presidents, please note the bold print on item 7 on the application form. Thank you. **The Zone Executive Board will select the Zone's YWR.**
- Decision made by Zones need to be decided by **February 15th. Zone Presidents send their YWR's application forms, and the YWR's picture for publication in the LINK, to the LWML Eastern District Leader Development Chair, Sharon McGuan. One candidate per zone please.**
- Final selections should be sent no later than **February 22<sup>nd</sup> before the Eastern District Board of Directors** meeting when the Leader Development Committee will present the YWR's at the March 2026 BOD Meeting.

You may turn in applications sooner. Any questions, or concerns, please contact Sharon McGuan, Chair at 716-803-3767 or [salmcg23@gmail.com](mailto:salmcg23@gmail.com), or Megan Migyanko, Co-Chair at [proverbs31meg@yahoo.com](mailto:proverbs31meg@yahoo.com).

If you are sending your application by post, final selection, application, and picture for publication in the Spring LINK should be addressed to:

Sharon McGuan  
73 Dorchester Rd  
Buffalo, NY 14222

Please remember the attached list is only a *guideline*. If the Lord places a woman on your heart who does not fit each criterion do not hesitate to ask them to apply! I know that God already knows exactly who He wants at this convention, and I want to encourage you to reach out in faith to the young women of your congregations.

Sharon McGuan  
Leader Development Chair, Eastern District LWML

## 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 district 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 zone 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 convention experience if she understands the basics of the organization. **Each zone should try to provide education and information for the YWR prior to the convention.**
- Know what is expected of her on the zone level after the zone convention, whether that is speaking engagements and/or attendance at zone events.
- 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.
- Have a desire to make a difference, be willing to assume the responsibilities given her by the zone 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 zone 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 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!**

Please send final selection to: Sharon McGuan  
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## Eastern District Young Woman Representative Application

(You may use a separate piece of paper to answer questions)

Name\_\_\_\_\_ Age\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_ City\_\_\_\_\_

State\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_ Code\_\_\_\_\_ Occupation\_\_\_\_\_ Church\_\_\_\_\_

Membership\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone\_\_\_\_\_ Fax\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail\_\_\_\_\_

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 serving 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 little free time, but we hope it will be extremely rewarding. **Please have someone who knows you well, answer the following question, "Why do you feel this woman would make a good Young Woman Representative?" Attach this answer on a separate sheet of paper, along with their name and relationship to you. Then submit the form to your Zone President. Thank you.**