



Volunteer Assignment Writer Program

Pastoral Recommendation Instructions

Pastor,

The member of your church who requested your recommendation has applied to work with the Baptist New Mexican team as a Volunteer Assignment Writer. Because this role is a volunteer of the convention that serves our churches, we require applicants to seek their pastor's recommendation for volunteer service.

Volunteer Assignment writers will write 2-3 stories a month, upon assignment, for possible publication in The Baptist New Mexican, GoBNM.com and other outlets. Their commitment and service are significant.

The recommendation you provide will be considered **confidential**. The BNM office will not disclose it to the individual you are recommending.

Please note that we are requesting a **pastoral recommendation**, not a professional or technical recommendation. *We are not asking you to provide a recommendation of the individual's writing skills.* Another portion of the application process evaluates writing ability.

The recommendation covers three areas: church membership, **Christian life and character, and general volunteerism**. You do not have to provide any written comments, unless you feel they are necessary. We simply ask that you check boxes that indicate your statement or recommendation. Please note that one box allows you to decline to recommend them for service. If needed, you may check this box. We will infer no particular meaning from this box, except that you do not feel we should enlist this individual's service at this time. You do not need to provide explanation, but we have provided that option if you feel comments are necessary.

I will not proceed further with your member's application process until I have received your recommendation. Your input is that important to this process and to the content we release to churches through our various outlets.

The recommendation is collected through an online form. There are five steps, which are described in the online form. Navigate to www.bcnm.com/recommend. There, you will find the following instructions.

1. Provide the applicant's first name.
2. Provide your contact and church information.
3. Check the recommendations and affirmations.
4. Provide any additional comments you feel we need to know.
5. Submit your recommendation by clicking on the "SUBMIT" button.

Completing the survey should take less than 5 minutes of your time. Thank you for your assistance in advance. If you have any questions, you may reach me at either of the direct phones listed below.

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Online Pastoral Recommendation Form

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