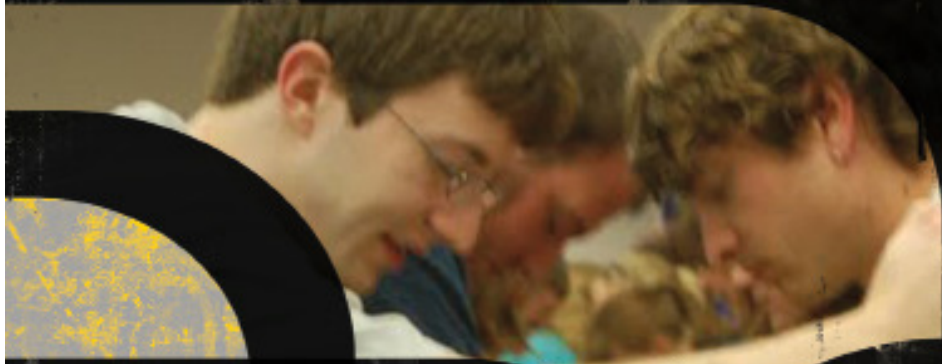


now recruiting for fall 2011



grow in community

walk with God



live in mission

Looking for the adventure of:

Engaging in a life-giving community?

Being challenged in your walk with God?

Taking the Gospel across the Midwest through drama?

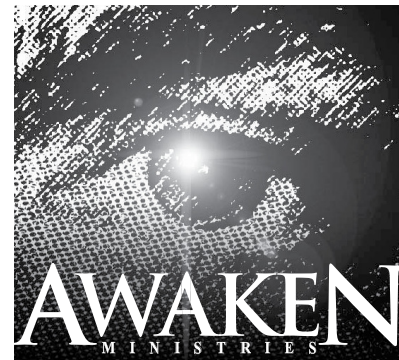
AWAKEN

MINISTRIES

TEAM APPLICATION 2011-12



Welcome!



All of us are on a journey—a journey to discover who we are and what we should spend our lives pursuing. We all desire to be a part of something bigger than ourselves, something with eternal significance. But we dare not go on this journey alone. We long for true community and relationships that are deep and filled with authenticity. We wonder, is there a place for me, an adventure for me to join?

Since its beginning in 2005, AWAKEN Ministries has thrived as a community in mission—a movement of young adults gathered together to grow as followers of Jesus and share His Story through a dynamic drama. AWAKEN is so much more than a drama production, it's a one of a kind experience with real people before our real God.

AWAKEN is now recruiting a team of college students and twenty-somethings to travel across the Midwest with a modern drama presentation centered on God's epic Story. AWAKEN also engages team members in a year round discipleship program centered on:

- ~ Rediscovering the wonder of the Gospel as an Epic Story
- ~ Walking in relationship with God and experiencing LIFE to the full
- ~ Equipping and growing as a leader in your own community

We invite you to look through this packet and discover the many ways you can be a part of this movement of God through AWAKEN! In this packet, you will find out more information about AWAKEN and how you can join the 2011-2012 team. **All interested team members must complete and return the application by Monday, September 19th.**

Thank you for your prayers and consideration for this opportunity. We are excited to see what God has in store for this upcoming year and trust that He will bring together a wonderful team of godly men and women for this mission. We look forward to hearing from you!

For His Glory,

Tiffany Anenson
Director, AWAKEN Ministries

Ministry Overview

Based out of Des Moines, IA, AWAKEN Ministries offers a 7 month journey for college students and young adults, centered on leadership development, discipleship training, and touring with a modern drama across the Midwest. AWAKEN is designed as a volunteer opportunity for those in any form of school or work situation throughout the central Midwest region.

Mission Statement

Through our Epic Drama, our mission is:

To Awaken hearts to the Story of the Gospel through an encounter with Jesus Christ.

As a relational ministry to young-adults, our desire is:

To engage disciples of Jesus in a life-giving community of authentic relationships with a mission greater than themselves.

Vision

Our vision is to see team members:

- *Awakened to and living in God's Epic Story*
- *Walking in relationship with God from an alive, free heart*
- *Equipped to initiate life-giving fellowships and make disciples*

Awaken Leadership

AWAKEN is led by a board of directors overseeing a core group of young adults with many years of church, para-church, and missions experience. Over 10 volunteer support staff join our leadership team each year as we grow and travel together.



Program Details

AWAKEN involves two specific seasons of ministry:
October-January: Retreats/Pre-Production February-April: Touring across the Midwest

1.) Retreats (“Attacks”, as we like to call them)

These attack weekends will involve times of sharing our own stories, bonding as a team, solitude, engaging in worship, study of scripture, relevant teaching, as well as tour rehearsals and preparation. Attacks will take place at Zion Lutheran Church in Des Moines, IA, running Friday evening-Sunday afternoon*.

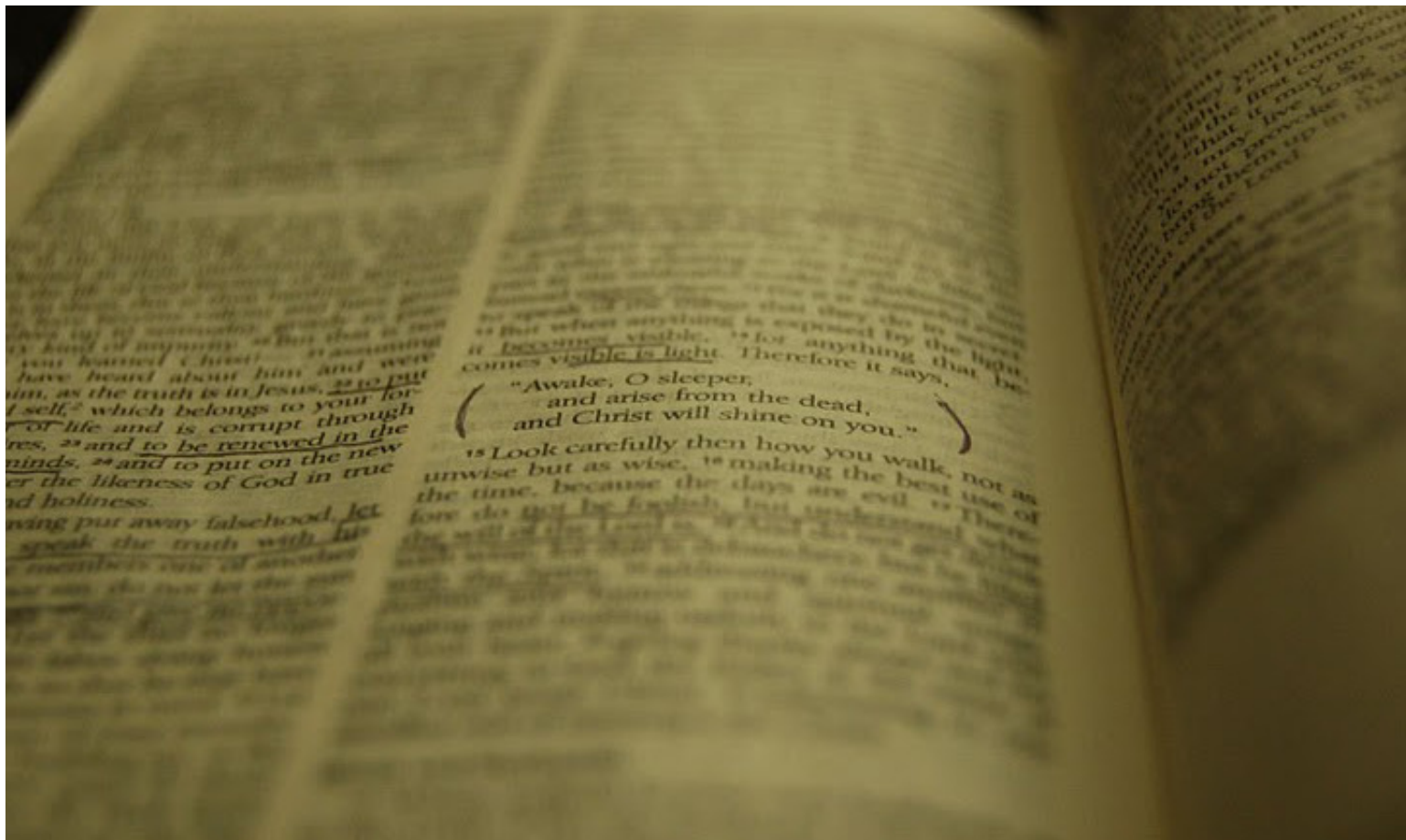
Team members will be challenged and equipped to become a leader in their own contexts while growing in their own walk with God through visits, networking, prayer, and training.

Our prayer is that the hearts of those involved in these positions are first Godly men and women in their own lives, striving for deeper maturity in their walk with Christ. Active participation in this ministry will be a highly personal process that will demand the utmost respect, courage, and dedication of those involved. A sincere willingness to be open and honest about our brokenness and heart’s journey will be a critical aspect of the journey towards a fellowship of the heart (Acts 4:32).

*Specific “Attack” weekend dates are listed in the “Ministry Logistics” portion of this packet.

2.) The 2012 AWAKEN Tour

After preparing the drama and growing as a team, AWAKEN will use the drama as an outreach to churches, colleges, and venues across the Midwest from February-April. **Presentations will take place 2-3 weekends a month, primarily on Saturday and Sunday nights, totaling approximately 7 weekends.** Team members are needed from Friday evening of the tour weekend until after the presentation on Sunday evening. A master schedule of the tour dates will be available Fall 2011.



Team Involvement

(Applicants may apply for one or more positions)

It is suggested that applicants would make AWAKEN an extremely high-priority in their work and school involvement.

Here are the different ways you can join the AWAKEN team no matter what school or work situation you are currently in:

1.) CAST MEMBER

We are looking for college students and young adults who are following Jesus and learning what it means to serve Him within a community of disciples. No prior drama experience is needed, only a desire to be stretched outside your comfort zone and communicate through drama to large audiences.

Commits to:

- Attending **all 4 cast-required attack weekends** from October-January
- Traveling with the team for **all four weekends** from February-April 2012

2.) PRODUCTION CREW MEMBER

The AWAKEN Production Crew is a team of individuals dedicated to making Christ's message known by using the aid of modern production equipment and focused technical skills. It is the responsibility of the AWAKEN Production Crew to set up, operate, tear down and transport all the equipment used while on tour. All crewmembers will be actively involved and well rounded in all aforementioned areas. All positions may be asked to assist with any non title specific tasks throughout the course of the AWAKEN season **as they are able**. Applicants may apply for one or more production crew positions.

Commits to:

- Participating in all attack and tour weekends unless prior arrangements have been made. Must drive a vehicle or provide means of self-transportation to and from many AWAKEN events (with partial reimbursement from the ministry). Be flexible for any "off time" training needed for certain positions.

Crew Member Positions

(Note: no prior experience necessary, but is preferred)

Technical Director

Oversees and leads the team of crew members. Operates and maintains the technical aspects of the drama including supervising the use of lighting, sound, and the use and maintenance of the staging and all equipment.

Audio Technicians

Duties involve setting up and operating the sound system during performances.

Lighting Technicians

Duties include setting and positioning all lights and rigging as well as operating light controller during presentations. Also includes participating in writing and completing lighting script.

Stage Manager

Duties include leading a team of stagehands to set, move and tear down entire stage setup. Responsible for backstage needs before and during drama.

Stagehands

Duties include working with the stage manager to set, move, and tear down entire stage setup as well as loading/ unloading equipment truck.

Media Technicians

Responsible for "capturing the life" of AWAKEN, both on and off stage. Will use both still and video cameras to record attacks, rehearsals and performances. Responsible for recording events, "dumping" footage, and utilizing video editing software for creating movies or slide shows. Duties include assistance with all pre-show setup and recording live performance footage.

Truck Driver

Responsible for the operating of the rented 26' truck. If interested in this position, please contact AWAKEN Ministries directly at team@awakenonline.org.

3.) ATTACK VOLUNTEER

Commits to assisting with any number of our 2011-12 attacks at Zion Lutheran Church with set up/take down, media, kitchen, etc. An application is not required for this position. Please contact team@awakenonline.org for more information.

4.) INTERNSHIPS

AWAKEN is seeking committed, hardworking individuals looking to complete an internship in the areas of: Business, Marketing, Graphic Design, Web Design, Theatre, and Light/Sound/Video tech. Depending on geographic location and length of internship, AWAKEN interns would be asked to fulfill their task in pre-production of the drama or on tour during the spring. Interns would have the option of joining the community for attacks and discipleship.



Ministry Logistics

Application Process

- All interested team members must complete and return the application by **Monday, September 19th**.
- Applicants may or may not receive a phone call from an AWAKEN leadership team member any time after the deadline for further questions and follow-up. Because of the current structure and limitations of the ministry, please understand that not all qualified applicants are guaranteed a position on the AWAKEN team.
- All applicants will then be notified of their status within two weeks of the application deadline. (Oct. 3)
- Those applicants asked to join the 2011-2012 AWAKEN team will be asked to adhere to the previously signed covenant and will be given the necessary information concerning the upcoming season's schedule.

CALENDAR (2011-2012 Season)

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| • September 19 | Team Applications Due |
| • October 7-9 | 1st Attack Weekend |
| • November 11-13 | 2nd Attack Weekend |
| • December 2-3 | 3rd Attack Weekend |
| • January 6-7, 2012 | 4th Attack Weekend (Tech Rehearsal, Specific team members only) |
| • January 20-22, 2012 | 5th Attack Weekend (Dress Rehearsal, All team members attend) |
| • February-April 2012 | AWAKEN Spring Tour |
| • May 2012 TBD | AWAKEN End of the Season Gathering*, Ames, IA |

*(Team encouraged, not required to attend).

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation for tour will either be done by meeting at a designated location and carpooling with AWAKEN vehicles to the specific host site, or picking up cast/crew members at specific locations on the way to the site. Travel reimbursement for cast and crew members to and from attacks and tour sites will be partially reimbursed. If you have concerns about transportation (vehicle or financially) please contact us for more information. Transportation for tour will either be done by meeting at Zion Lutheran and carpooling with AWAKEN vehicles to the specific host site, or picking up cast/crew members at specific locations on the way to the site. Carpooling will always be done in a way that is most beneficial, time-sensitive, and cost-effective for you and the ministry.

NOTE: Those applying for a crew position are strongly encouraged to have their own vehicle or access to one for transportation logistics needs of the ministry.

FOOD/LODGING

All AWAKEN team members will have food and housing provided during any retreat or tour stop. Snacks and/or food bought at personal preference during attacks and tour is not covered by the ministry.

COMMITMENT

A commitment to the AWAKEN team in any of the before mentioned ways is for one "season" (October-April). Team members are expected to fully participate in their assigned role during the year. If an AWAKEN event must be missed, notification must be given in advance as designated by the Tour Manager.

COVENANT

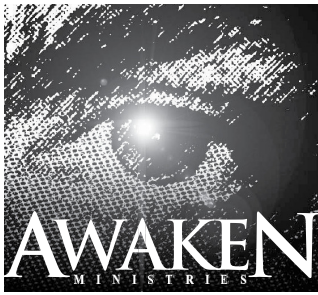
All applicants are required to sign the attached covenant with AWAKEN. The items listed in the covenant will only be required of those asked to join the 11-12 AWAKEN team. Covenant is a biblical concept implying a meaningful relationship between two groups in agreement. Signing a covenant with AWAKEN is a simple way of us declaring our commitment to one another and to God to live by His vision for us as a community. The covenant is not for the sake of rules, but for the safety, accountability, and ability of the AWAKEN team to best carry out God's mission and glorify Him with our lives.

REQUIREMENTS

All positions are on a volunteer basis at this time. Cast and crew members must be 18 at the time of application. There is no age requirement for attack volunteers. Through its mission and vision, AWAKEN Ministries is designed to specifically minister to those who are seeking to follow Jesus in the context of a Christian community. We are welcome to applicants who are at any point along the journey of faith, with an understanding that they are actively pursuing a relationship with Jesus Christ in their own lives.



For more information or additional applications, visit us online at www.awakenonline.org
E-mail team@awakenonline.org or call 515-520-9820



Application Form

*Please return this application
(including a recent photo of yourself)
by September 19, 2011 to the address above

Part I General Information

Full Name _____

Position Applying For/Interested In (Cast, Crew, Internship) _____

Home Address _____ School Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ School City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Primary Phone _____ Other Phone _____

Email _____ Age _____ Male _____ Female _____

Single _____ Engaged _____ Married _____ Birthday: _____

Parents Names _____

Home Church _____ City _____ State _____ Pastor _____

In School _____ Where _____ Location _____ Year _____

Current School/Other Activities/Involvements and their Time Commitments

Working _____ Where _____ Hours per Week _____

Days and Times You Work: M _____ T _____ W _____ R _____ F _____ Sa _____ Su _____

Previous Ministry Involvement and Experiences

Organization _____ Position _____ Dates _____

References (please provide three)

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone Number _____ Email _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Part II Questions

**Please answer the following questions on a separate, typed sheet of paper.
(Please only answer the questions that pertain to your area of interest)**

- 1.) In what ways do you sense God calling you to join the AWAKEN Team specifically this year?
- 2.) Talk about some of the important points on your faith journey (people, places, experiences). How have they impacted your current walk with Christ?
- 3.) What are some specific ways you feel God challenging you and moving you towards growth right now? How can AWAKEN assist you in this process?
- 4.) How do you feel about the AWAKEN vision for creating a fellowship of the heart and atmosphere where young adults share their stories, be authentic, vulnerable and honest about their heart's journey and struggles?
- 5.) What are your strengths, gifts, and talents? Don't be modest! What are you passionate about? What do you love to do? How have you used them or plan to use them for God's glory? How do you see them being used in AWAKEN?
- 6.) If applying for a cast position, share some of your experiences with drama and/or theatre in any setting.
- 7.) If applying for a crew position, share some of your experiences with audio, video, lighting, tech, etc.
- 8.) Do you have any other questions or concerns about the ministry or your involvement?

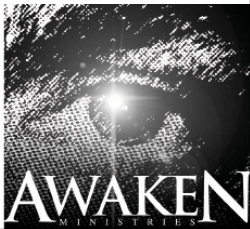
***We desire God's will for you and AWAKEN Ministries!
Please continue to be in prayer about God's will for your calling towards this mission.***

***May God bless you and give you His spirit of wisdom! (Eph. 1:17)
Thank you for your interest! We will be in touch with you soon.***

In Him,

The AWAKEN Leadership Team

Return this application to:
AWAKEN Ministries | Attn: Application | P.O. Box 13191 | Des Moines, IA 50310
For more information or additional applications:
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2011-2012 AWAKEN Team Member Covenant

As a member of the AWAKEN team from time of position acceptance through April 2012, I will strive to uphold the shared mission, vision, and values of AWAKEN Ministries in the following covenant:

- Being on time to attacks, departures during tour and every other time essential matter.
- Attending all required attacks and tour dates unless previously cleared by the tour manager. Ongoing absences or late arrivals to AWAKEN events may result in a team member being asked to consider their commitment to the ministry, and, if continued, removal from the team.
- Understanding that gas reimbursements may not be given promptly following attacks or tour weekends.
- Knowing that you are committing to allowing God to grow, shape, convict, challenge, humble, love and teach you.
- Understanding that any illegal activity during or outside of an AWAKEN event is outside of God's law (Rom. 13:1-3), and may result in removal from the team.
- Understanding that alcohol and/or drug participation, including purchasing, consumption or assisting of any kind during any part of an AWAKEN sponsored weekend is prohibited and may result in the removal from the team.
- Those team members who are of legal age are asked to use sound judgment and biblical wisdom as they make choices about alcohol use outside of AWAKEN events.
- Understanding that God's desire for all of us is to live abundant, healthy, and admirable lives as we are transformed daily. We ask that you strive to glorify God in all aspects of your lifestyle, understanding that all sin (not just that which is visible) is harmful to our relationship with God. Understanding that being a member of AWAKEN is a privilege and noble task that holds you to a high level of maturity and account ability.
- Prayerfully considering the choices you make in light of those things that are true, right, pure, lively, excellent, and praiseworthy (Phil. 4:8).
- Committing to your fellow team members and the ministry; you understand that your actions, language and decisions have a direct impact on the whole team for the positive and the negative.
- Committing to the above ideals as they apply to time spent with and outside of AWAKEN, including use of e-mail, social networking, and other technology.
- Understanding that I live in the wonderful grace of Jesus who offers unconditional love and forgiveness, and desires to offer me life to the full!

Signed _____

AWAKEN Leadership Team

_____ Team Applicant/Member

Dated

"Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."
- Ephesians 5:14