



Greetings from the Kansas District Special Focus Ministries Committee!

There will be a special program for Young Woman Representatives at the national LWML convention **July 8-11, 2027, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.** We are excited to be able to send Young Woman Representatives (YWRs) to represent our District as we convene be “Transformed by Christ” (Romans 12:2)!

The suggested age range for these representatives is 22 through 35. Other information about the application process is listed in the attached guidelines. Please encourage any young woman fitting the guidelines to apply. The application does not have to be distributed only by the zone presidents or Special Focus Ministries members; any LWML member may, and should, encourage a young woman to apply!

The complete application and reference form need to be received by Tiffany Harkins, VP of Special Focus Ministries Committee, **no later than December 19, 2026.** Deadlines will be strictly followed so as to submit the YWR delegate names to the national YWR committee. Please direct any questions and/or applications to:

Tiffany Harkins
1605 Spruceway St.
Abilene, KS 67410
specialfocus@kansaslwml.org

In His Name,
LWML KS District Special Focus Ministries Committee

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION FOR KANSAS DISTRICT YOUNG WOMAN REPRESENTATIVE

What is a Young Woman Representative?

The YWR (acronym) is a young woman who represents her congregation, group, zone and district for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML); she does not have to be a member of LWML! She will attend the national convention as a special guest and have the opportunity to see how the LWML operates as Women in Mission. More importantly, she is mentored on how to develop a strong relationship with God and others through her work in LWML.

Who may apply?

- She must be a mature young woman between the ages of 22-35 who is a member of a church of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Kansas District.
- She shall have a deep love and devotion to her Lord Jesus Christ and be willing to participate in all aspects of the YWR program of the LWML.
- She must be able and willing to attend all sessions and YWR activities of the convention. YWRs will be seated in the Kansas Delegation but will not vote.
- She must be able to be away from home and/or work for the convention and the allowed travel time.

What can the YWR expect from the experience?

- She will be given a wonderful convention experience that will be spiritually uplifting, inspiring, fun-filled, entertaining and interesting, with her convention time being spent with planned YWR activities.
- She will be a special guest at the convention, and the District LWML will cover travel, housing and meal package costs.

What can the Kansas District expect of the YWR?

- The YWR will become an active participant in her local group, zone and the district.
- The YWR will participate in the Kansas Assembly of Leaders (KAOL) and the Kansas District LWML Convention the next year.
- The YWR will encourage other young women to become part of the excitement.
- The YWR will provide a written report of the convention experience that will be published in *The Kansas Sonshine* following convention, as well as in the next Kansas District LWML convention manual.



YWR Application for Convention in Oklahoma City, OK (July 8-11, 2027)



Name _____

Birth Date (including year) _____

Address _____

City _____, Kansas Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Occupation _____

Home Congregation _____

Home Congregation City _____

Kansas LWML Zone _____

Please answer the following questions and return your application to Tiffany Harkins, VP Special Focus Ministries. You may use a separate sheet of paper if needed.

Due Date: December 19, 2026

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 serve 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 very little free time. You are expected to participate in the full scope of the convention. Are you able to do so?

Return your application and the reference form on the next page to Tiffany Harkins, VP Special Focus Ministries, before the **December 19 deadline**. You will be notified when your application is received either by physical mail or email and ***any late applications will not be considered.***

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YOUNG WOMAN REPRESENTATIVE APPLICATION

Letter of Reference

Applicant's Name _____

“Why do you feel that this individual would be a good Young Woman Representative (YWR) to the national LWML convention?”

Reference written by:

Name _____ Phone _____

Relationship to Applicant _____ Email _____

NOTE: Please return this completed letter of reference to the YWR applicant, so she may submit your letter with her application to the VP of Special Focus Ministries. The application must be RECEIVED no later than December 19, 2026. Any late applications will not be considered.

THANK YOU!