

# FORGED

## YOUTH MINISTRY TRAINING PROGRAM

A PARTNERSHIP OF THE SALVATION ARMY &  
ASBURY UNIVERSITY

FORGED is a selective two-year training experience for youth leaders, designed to teach practical strategies and spiritual disciplines that increase the longevity and effectiveness of Salvation Army youth ministry leaders



### IDEAL FOR:

- Active Local Youth Leaders
- Corps Program Employees
- Commissioned Officers
- Corps Mission Associate/Corps Helper
- Candidates (2 years out from Training)

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# FORGED Leadership

FORGED participants will enjoy relevant teaching and applicable assignments every other month, facilitated by one of our lead instructors. Through online sessions and retreats, these experienced ministry teachers will help participants strategically build a healthy enduring youth ministry, as well as their own walk with the Lord.



## Dr. Brian Hull

Brian has been involved in local church youth ministry for over 20 years, and now works as an associate professor of Youth Ministry at Asbury University, studying youth ministry best practices and leadership from many sides. Brian has created many training opportunities for youth and youth leaders at local, regional, national, and international levels as well as helping to coordinate youth ministry networks, currently as president-elect for the National Association of Youth Ministry Educators

## Tony Akers

Tony graduated with a MA in Christian Education from Asbury Seminary in 1994. Since that time, he has served multiple churches and environments, primarily in the areas of youth ministry and discipleship. In 2004 Tony began consulting churches and coaching youth pastors alongside his work in the local church. Tony is committed to helping students on the margins and supporting the ministry staff and volunteers who lead them.



## Caleigh Smith

Caleigh has been pursuing God's call to youth ministry since she was in middle school. She is a Michigander at heart now working in Kentucky as an Adjunct Professor in the Christian Studies and Philosophy Department at Asbury University. Caleigh received a BA in Youth Ministry from Asbury University and an MA in Youth Ministry from Austin Seminary. Caleigh serves on the advisory board for Youth Becoming Leaders: High School Christian Leadership and Global Transformations Institute and is passionate about training both staff and volunteers in the field of youth ministry.

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# FORGED Application Process

Each Territorial Youth Secretary submits participants for the next **FORGED** cohort to Asbury University. Applications and funding process found on [www.youthdownsouth.org](http://www.youthdownsouth.org) under the Leadership Development tab.

- **February 1st - May 1st** : Potential participants submit application through their Corps Officer to the DYS using TSAMM.
- **May 15th**: Selections for each new cohort will be announced.
- **September**: A new cohort launches with an in-person retreat.

Tuition of \$2,800 per year includes all course tuition, books, course materials, housing, and meals for three retreats at Asbury University. Travel expenses to Kentucky are not included.

## What Can I Expect from FORGED?

**Small-Group Training:** Forged participants meet (virtually) every quarter with their Cohort and Leaders for **teaching and discussion** on topics such as:

- Spiritual Formation and Personal Discipleship
- Building and Growing Relational Youth Ministries
- Replicating Leadership, Empowering a Team
- Managing Crisis and Conflict

**Personal Coaching:** Participants will connect (virtually) every other month for one on one accountability and the **development of an individual growth plan**.

**Retreats:** Youth Leaders participate in **three-weekend retreats** at Asbury University.

First-Year Cohort September 11-13, 2023

Second-Year Cohort, September 14-16, 2023

Second Year Graduation, May 2024 Dates TBD

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For more information and application details, contact your  
Divisional Youth Secretaries.