

Background Check Fact Sheet

What is the purpose of background checks?

There is a heightened awareness today of a responsibility to take steps to ensure that people who serve in Christian organizations will not misuse what has been entrusted to them. Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA) takes this responsibility very seriously. We require potential volunteers (Age 18+) to undergo background checks when their role involves direct access to individuals and/or an individual's personal data. Information contained in a background check, together with other information and related circumstances, may be considered in determining an applicant's fit for a BGEA ministry role. Appropriate volunteer screening promotes a safe environment for ministry participants, respects our supporters' trust, and equips others to effectively proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

What is included in the background check report?

The report will include checks for the applicant in the following areas in the national registry:

- Social Security number validation and inclusion of all known alias names used
- US Terrorist Watch List check
- Criminal History associated with all known names and addresses
- Sex Offender registry check

Who will process the background check?

Total Screening Solutions (TSS) is currently contracted with BGEA and is responsible to process background checks for all potential applicants. We provide TSS's contact information to each application by email to initiate the background check transaction. TSS notifies us twice during this process; once when a background check is initiated by an applicant and a second time by sending the completed background to us for review. A copy of the completed background check is available to the potential applicant upon request.

What if I have recently completed a background check?

If you have submitted a background check through another ministry/church within the last 2 years, we can review that check as part of your application process. You will need to ask the ministry/church that completed the background check to e-mail the report directly to volunteerscreening@bgea.org for consideration. We cannot accept a copy of the check from you, as the initiator.

If you have completed a check with BGEA or Samaritan's Purse within the last 2 years, email volunteerscreening@bgea.org with the **date** of your check and we will attempt to retrieve a copy.