Ohio University
Office for Diversity and Inclusion
Multicultural Leadership Ambassador Program

Completed Application Deadline: Monday, October 9, 2017, by 5:00 p.m.

The Ohio University Multicultural Leadership Ambassador Program provides opportunities for students to take an active role in educational, cultural, social, and leadership opportunities as it pertains to multiculturalism, equity and social justice. The overall goal of the program is to promote the genuine celebration of differences and promote multicultural awareness that assists with engaging across cultures and in everyday settings. The Multicultural Leadership Ambassadors are responsible for facilitating and implementing various aspects of cultural presentations, office hours, and cultural, social, educational, leadership development throughout the academic year. In addition to improving self-confidence, communication skills, and leadership abilities, Ambassadors are some of the best-informed students who become part of a close-knit, diverse, and dynamic group.

Why be a Multicultural Leadership Ambassador?
• To help increase awareness, promote inclusiveness, and prompt genuine celebration of differences among students
• Encourage other students to take an active role in campus and multicultural activities
• Develop leadership, interpersonal communication, and social skills
• Contact with Ohio University administrators, faculty, staff, and other students
• Gain significant leadership experience while enhancing your opportunities for campus involvement, employment marketability, and career opportunities

Who is eligible to be a Multicultural Leadership Ambassador?
Serving as an Ambassador is an honor and privilege. In order to be considered, applications must:

• Have a minimum grade point average of 2.5
• Have strong communication skills, written and verbal
• Be a positive, productive team member
• Demonstrate outstanding leadership skills
• Exhibit strong interpersonal skills (Must be highly motivated, energetic, dependable and knowledgeable)
• Be willing to participate in occasional evening and weekend activities
• Be willing to present to classes, student organizations, staff meetings and other requested groups on or off campus
• Value and be able to communicate with diverse individuals
• Have a positive attitude, enthusiasm, and passion for Ohio University

Multicultural Leadership Ambassador Expectations:
• Commit to at least one academic year of service
• Must be willing to maintain two (2) office hours each week in the Multicultural Center and two (2) office hours each week in your Resident Hall
• Attend ALL group meetings and trainings, from beginning to end.
• Attend 75% of all presentations. Attending presentations at less than 75% will result in removal from the program.
• Attend the fall and spring Ambassador kick-off
• During presentations, you are required to wear an Ambassador polo or t-shirt (provided) and khaki, black, or jean bottoms (not provided) to all presentations. No exceptions.
• Ensure that all trainings, activities, programs and events are scheduled and listed on your calendar. You will receive a list of group meetings at the beginning of fall semester. All meetings are subject to change.
• We use the GroupMe app, and Outlook to communicate with and amongst the Ambassadors regarding upcoming trainings, meetings and presentations

Application Process

• Applications must be submitted to the student reception desk, Cutler Hall, 3rd Floor
• In addition to your application, please submit your answers to the essay questions, resume, class schedule and references.
  o Reference forms must be filled out by professionals, who can comment on your leadership, work skills and experience.
  o One, of your two references, must come from a full-time professional, faculty or staff member at Ohio University.
• Those applicants who are asked to continue in the selection process will be contacted and scheduled for a brief interview.
• Any application not submitted with all the requisitioned additional information, will not be processed.

For more information or questions, please contact:
The Office for Diversity and Inclusion at 740.593.2431
Ohio University
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Multicultural Leadership Ambassador Application

Full Name: ________________________________________________

Preferred Name: __________________________________________

Student PID Number: ________________________________

Local Address: _____________________________________________________________________________________

Hometown: ________________________________________________________________________________________

Cell Phone: _____________________________ Permanent Home Phone: ______________________________

OHIO Email Address: ________________________________

Current Academic Classification:  Freshman    Sophomore    Junior    Senior

Major: ________________________________ Minor: ________________________________

Expected Date of Graduation: ________________________________

Current Semester’s Class Credit Amount: ____________ Cumulative GPA: ____________

___ I live on campus, in an Ohio University Residence Hall - Name of hall: ________________________________

___ I live off campus

___ Other - ________________________________

Do you work on campus? ______ If yes, where? ________________________________

If yes, include your work schedule

Shirt Size: XS    S    M    L    XL    XXL    XXXL

Are you familiar with the GroupMe app? ______

Are you familiar with Outlook? ______

I certify that the information herein is accurate, to the best of my knowledge. You have my permission to verify my grade point average and disciplinary standing before forwarding my application through the selection process.

Signature: ________________________________
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Multicultural Leadership Ambassador Essay Questions

Essay questions:
• Must be typed, 12-point font
• No more than 200 words each
• Be sure your name appears on all pages

New Applications Only:
1. Tell us a little about yourself (hometown, family life, areas of interest)
2. **WHY** are you interested in becoming a Multicultural Leadership Ambassador?
3. What does diversity and multiculturalism mean to you?
4. Why did you decide to attend Ohio University?
5. How do you feel the Multicultural Leadership Ambassador Program will impact your experience at Ohio University?
6. What area of diversity or culture do you feel you could add to the Multicultural Leadership Ambassador Program?
7. What are your plans after graduation?

Returning Ambassadors Only:
1. As a returning Ambassador, what do you feel you could contribute to the Ambassador team? In addition, what do you feel you would personally gain that would be different from the previous year(s)?
2. If selected to be a returning Ambassador, what do you foresee as your biggest challenge as a returning Ambassador?
3. Change is a part of life and our program is constantly evolving and changing in a variety of ways. Pick one aspect of the program that you would change or modify in some way and explain.
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Name and Title of Reference: _________________________________________________________

Candidate’s Name: _____________________________________________________________________

How long and in what capacity have you known the candidate? __________________

Why do you believe this person should serve as a MC Ambassador? _______________________________________________________

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