Ohio University
Office for Diversity and Inclusion
Diversity Leadership Ambassador Program
Overview and Application

The Diversity Leadership Ambassador Program provides a unique opportunity for students to hold an active role on campus by discussing their personal narratives in correlation with diversity related topics. The Ambassadors work toward evolving perspectives and breaking down stereotypes, while promoting the genuine celebration of differences and encouraging multicultural awareness across cultures and in everyday settings. Ambassadors are responsible for facilitating diverse conversations through presentations and open discussions in classrooms, at staff meetings, and events throughout the academic year. Their presentations are free and available to the Athens and University communities. Ambassadors are some of Ohio University’s most involved students and become part of a close-knit, diverse, and vibrant group.

Presentation topics include, but are not limited to: immigration, understanding differing cultures and culture shocks, LGBT experiences, religion, allyship, physical, mental and emotional abuse, education, challenges facing minority groups, family dynamics, socioeconomic status, mental health, first generation college student experiences, and the challenges that come with growing up in a single parent household.

Why be a Diversity Leadership Ambassador?
- To help increase awareness, promote inclusiveness, and prompt genuine celebration of differences among the Athens and University communities
- 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 Diversity 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
- 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

Diversity Leadership Ambassador Expectations and Requirements:
- 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 a residence hall.
- Attend ALL group meetings and trainings, from beginning to end.
• Attend 50% of all presentations. Attending presentations at less than 50% will result in removal from the program.
• Attend team enhancement events (2 per semester)
• 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.
• Familiarize yourself with GroupMe and Outlook to communicate with and amongst the Ambassadors regarding upcoming trainings, meetings and presentations.
• All messages sent in GroupMe regarding events, presentations, scheduling, etc. must be “Liked” and responded to by 5:00 PM on the same day.
• Responses to Outlook calendar invites must be sent promptly upon invitation; once an invite has been accepted the Ambassador is responsible for that event/presentation/etc. and must maintain their commitment.
• Failure to abide by these expectations and requirements will result in removal from the program.

For more information on the program, visit our website at
https://www.ohio.edu/diversity/diversity-leadership-ambassadors

or contact the Office for Diversity and Inclusion at 740.593.2431
Ohio University
Office for Diversity and Inclusion
Diversity Leadership Ambassador Application

Date: ______________________________________________

Full Name: ______________________________________________

Preferred Name/Pronouns: ____________________________

Student PID Number: ________________________________

Local Address: ________________________________________________

Hometown: _________________________________________________

Cell Phone: _________________________  Permanent Home Phone: ____________________________

OHIO Email Address: __________________________________________

Current Academic Classification:  Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior  Graduate

Major: ________________________________________________ Minor: ________________________________

Expected Date of Graduation: ______________________________ Shirt Size: XS  S  M  L  XL  XXL  XXXL

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

Please list all student organizations in which you are a member and the expected role you occupy:

___________________________________________________________________________________________________________

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Are you familiar with the GroupMe app? ______ Outlook? ______

By signing this application, you are acknowledging that the information on this application is true to the best of your knowledge and authorizing the Office for Diversity and Inclusion to verify your grade point average and disciplinary standing from Ohio University.

Signature: ________________________________________________
Ohio University
Office for Diversity and Inclusion
Diversity 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
- You may use additional paper, if necessary, to complete responses

New Applications Only:
1. Tell us a little about yourself (hometown, family life, areas of interest).
2. *WHY* are you interested in becoming a Diversity 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 Diversity 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 Diversity 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.

This application and one reference form can be submitted either by email to diversityinclusion@ohio.edu or hand delivered to:

The Office for Diversity and Inclusion
ATTN: Diversity Leadership Ambassador Program - Amanda Graham
3rd Floor, Cutler Hall

For questions about the application process, contact the Office for Diversity and Inclusion at 740.593.2431
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Diversity Leadership Ambassador Reference Form

Diversity Leadership Ambassadors encourage students to take an active role on campus and bring awareness to issues of diversity, inclusion, equality, and social justice. Please be candid in your appraisal of candidates. Please feel free to provide any additional comments regarding the candidate’s overall potential success in leading diversity initiatives.

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 Diversity Leadership Ambassador? _________________________________
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Indicate your opinion of the candidate’s ability in the following areas:

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Please indicate your overall assessment of the applicant and ability to succeed as a Diversity Leadership Ambassador.

___ Highly Recommend ___ Recommend ___ Recommend with Reservations (please explain)
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