Diversity Leadership Ambassador Program

Overview

The Diversity Leadership Ambassador Program provides a unique opportunity for students to actively use their personal narratives to create influential change on the Ohio University campus and beyond. Ambassadors work toward evolving perspectives and breaking down stereotypes through the use of diversity related topics to increase cultural awareness across society 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. Our 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:

- Cultures/Culture Shock
- Gender Identity
- First Gen
- Disabilities
- Mental Health
- Immigration
- Religion
- Abuse
- LGBTQ+
- Allyship
- Social Class
- Family Dynamics

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.
- Build relationships 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?

- Have a minimum grade point average of 2.0.
- 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.
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.
- 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).

Submit application to: diversityinclusion@ohio.edu

For questions, contact the Office of the Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion, 740.593.2431

For more information on the program, visit our website at www.ohio.edu/diversity/diversity-leadership-ambassadors
Diversity Leadership Ambassador Program
Application

Today’s Date: _____________________________

Full Name: ___________________________________________________

Preferred Name/Pronouns: __________________________________________

Student PID Number: ___________________________ Date of Birth: __________

Local Address: _________________________________________________________________________

Hometown: ___________________________________________________________________________

OHIO Email Address: _________________________ Cell Phone Number: _________________________

Current Academic Classification:     Freshman     Sophomore         Junior   Senior          Graduate

Major: ___________________________________ Minor: ______________________________________

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

Current Credit Hours: _______________________ Cumulative GPA: _________________________

Do you live on campus?   Yes   No  If yes, which residence hall: __________________________

Do you work on or off campus? __________If yes, where? ____________________________________

*Submit work and class schedule with application

Please list all student organizations in which you are a member and the expected role you occupy:
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By signing this application, you are acknowledging the information on this application is true to the best of your knowledge and authorizing the Division of Diversity and Inclusion to verify your grade point average and disciplinary standing from Ohio University.

Signature: _________________________________________________________________________
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Essay Questions

**Essay questions:**
- Must be typed, 12-point font
- Approximately 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 Diversity Leadership Ambassador and how do you feel the program will impact your experience at Ohio University?
3. What does diversity and multiculturalism mean to you?
4. What area of diversity or culture do you feel you could add to the Diversity Leadership Ambassador Program?
5. 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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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 applicants.

Today’s Date: ________________________

Applicant’s Name: __________________________________________

Reference Information

Name: ____________________________________________________

Title: ____________________________________________ Email: _______________________________

How long and in what capacity have you known the candidate? _________________________________
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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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Why do you believe this applicant should serve as a Diversity Leadership Ambassador?

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