Ohio University
Division of Diversity and Inclusion
Diversity Leadership Ambassador Program
Overview and Application

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: immigration, understanding differing cultures and culture shocks, LGBT+ experiences, gender identity, 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.
- 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?
Serving as an Ambassador is an honor and privilege. In order to be considered, applicants must:

- 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).
- During presentations, you are required to wear your Ambassador polo or t-shirt (provided) with khaki, black, or jean bottoms (not provided). 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. These are the two platforms we use for program communication.
- All messages sent in GroupMe regarding events, presentations, scheduling, etc. must be “Liked” and responded to within 24 hours.
- You must respond to Outlook calendar invites within 24 hours.
  - When you accept a calendar invite, you MUST choose the option, “Send the Response Now”, or I will not be sent a notification. Once accepted you are expected maintain that commitment. If an emergency arises or there is a change in your schedule, please contact our office immediately.
  - If you are declining a calendar invite, you MUST choose the option, “Edit the Response before Sending”, and comment as to why you’re declining, ex: class, work, etc.
- Ambassadors attending presentations are expected to arrive on time and knowledgeable about the group they are presenting to (this information is provided in the body of every calendar invitation).
- Ambassadors present at each presentation are responsible for the conduct and flow of the presentation.

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

Division of Diversity and Inclusion
ATTN: Diversity Leadership Ambassador Program - Amanda Graham
3rd Floor, Cutler Hall

For questions about the application process, contact the Office of the Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion at 740.593.2431, or for more information on the program, visit our website at https://www.ohio.edu/diversity/diversity-leadership-ambassadors
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Date: ___________________

Full Name: ___________________________________________________

Preferred Name/Pronouns: _______________________________________

Student PID Number: __________________________ Date of Birth: __________

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:  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

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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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 Division of Diversity and Inclusion to verify your grade point average and disciplinary standing from Ohio University.

Signature: ____________________________________________________________________________
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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

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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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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