

STUDENT LEADERSHIP APPLICATION

"I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received." Ephesians 4:1

"Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12

OUR MISSION

Equipping students
to passionately live
like Jesus lived, do
what Jesus did and
advance His
kingdom together.



LEADERSHIP IS A CHOICE, and it's one I hope you'll make. Our student leadership team isn't just for a select few. It isn't just for the good looking, fun, or popular. Leadership isn't about having an extroverted and outgoing personality. Being a leader is a personal commitment.

The most meaningful commitments are tough to keep, but they are worth the effort because our priorities determine who we are, and who we are becoming.

This application will help you understand the leadership commitment, and it's our goal that you'll reach for this high standard. We expect a lot from our leaders because this was the model Jesus taught for leadership.

Interested? Good! Keep reading to find out more. I'm praying for you and hope that you choose to make the commitment to serve.

In Christ,

Scott Mitchell
Student Ministries Pastor
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A LEADER DOES MORE THAN JUST SHOW UP

Maybe you're thinking, "I come to every EDGE event and program, doesn't that make me a leader?"...not necessarily. It makes you a regular attendee around here, but a leader isn't just someone who shows up. A leader is committed to influencing and creating a Kingdom culture mentality. We are here to meet with Jesus, to live like Jesus, and to advance Jesus' Kingdom together!

THE ESSENCE OF BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP

Jesus expected leaders to serve. Jesus gave his disciples an image of leadership that we use as our standard for student leadership at THE EDGE:

*"Jesus called them [the disciples] together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. **Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave--just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.**" Matthew 20:25-28*

Jesus turned the world's understanding of leadership upside down. His teaching about leadership literally goes against everything we naturally assume about leading. Biblical leadership isn't about power or positions. It's not about control and glory.

Jesus calls his leaders to be servants of others. This kind of leadership isn't popular or praised nor is it attractive to most people, but servant leadership is what Jesus modelled, taught, and it is what THE EDGE is looking for.

THE SERVANT LEADER COMMITMENT

If you join the student leadership team, you'll need to sign the servant leader commitment.

FAITH In Jesus

- I acknowledge the **Lordship** of Jesus Christ in my life and have a personal relationship with him.

CONNECTED with other believers

- I am committing to spiritual growth and encourage accountability from others in my life.

GROWING to be like Jesus

- I am committing to personal spiritual growth through the **H.A.B.I.T.S.** of:
 - **H**ang Time with Jesus (Consistent quiet times)
 - **A**ccountability with another believer
 - **B**ible memorization (God's scripture written on our hearts)
 - **I**nvolvement consistently at THE EDGE and my local church
 - **T**ithing commitment (Giving back to God)
 - **S**tudy scripture (Personal Bible Study)

DISCOVERING my ministry

- I am committing to serving Jesus by potentially serving on or leading a ministry team.

REACHING my unbelieving friends

- I am committing to sharing my faith and inviting friends as appropriate.

HONORING God

I am committing to choices, a lifestyle, and attitudes that honor God, knowing that my leadership is a model for others.

LEADERSHIP 101

- I am committing to come to each Leadership Training on Wednesday nights, etc.
- I agree and will uphold the Behavioral Agreement that is part of the Yearly Forms.

I _____ agree to the Servant Leader Commitments above: _____
Printed Name Student Signature

ADVANTAGES OF STUDENT LEADERSHIP

We're asking a lot from student leaders and because of this, we realize leadership isn't for everyone. Many people won't want to rise to the high level of commitment we are expecting. Others might not have enough time to commit to the involvement required.

If student leadership isn't for you, don't worry about it. Not being involved in Student Leadership isn't a measure of your spiritual maturity. We are committed to you and want to help you continue to grow spiritually regardless of your involvement with THE EDGE Student Leadership.

Although we're asking for a considerable commitment from our student leaders, there are also advantages. Part of the advantages that student leaders receive is more intense and personal time with THE EDGE staff. We want to invest in your life. In addition to this, you'll have opportunities for training and service at THE EDGE that will only be available to student leaders. There may even be student leader only activities that we do together.

A PICTURE OF A STUDENT LEADER

(This list was created by student leaders!)

- A role model of a Christian student
- Accountable to another Christian
- Authentic and transparent
- Willing to pray for and over others
- Consistently choosing God's way over the world's way
- Encouraging, genuinely friendly, listens well to others
- Greets at weekly events
- Looks out for the lonely and/or visitors
- Inclusive of others, not cliquy
- Follows up on visitors from their campus as well as other students
- Faithful with the small things
- Growing spiritually
- Has a positive attitude
- Humble and watches for opportunities to serve
- Displays a jump-in attitude to help the youth ministry
- Proud to be a devoted follower of Christ
- Commits to the unity of our youth ministry
- Speaks highly about staff and other student leaders
- Consistently participates in all of our major events
- Models appropriate behavior
- Feels a sense of ownership in the ministry

HOW TO BECOME A STUDENT LEADER

1. Prayerfully consider all the student leader commitments
2. Talk with your family and evaluate the commitments
3. Type your answers to the questions below
4. Turn in your completed application with Ty Newton or Pastor Scott

SERVANT LEADER APPLICATION

Name: _____ Date: _____

Please fill in your answers to all of the following questions and turn them in with this application.

1. Why do you want to be in Student Leadership?
2. What is your spiritual life look like right now?
3. How would your Christian friends describe your relationship with God?
4. How would your parents describe your relationship with God?
5. Talk about how you grow spiritually on your own.
6. If you are currently serving in a ministry team, tell us how this has made a personal impact in your life.
7. Being a student leader is much more than just attending student leadership meetings. Are you willing to engage, serve, and help in various roles asked of you by leadership?

