

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

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INFO PACKET & APPLICATION

Dear Potential Student Leader,

We are so excited that you are interested in joining Student Leadership with Ebenezer’s Free Lutheran Youth!

You may have heard people call high school students “the next generation” or the “future of the church,” we believe you are an essential part of the body of Christ right now. Whether you’re 14 or 64, if you are a believer in Christ, you have been called to serve God and serve other people. We believe God has called all of us into a life characterized by selflessness, love, and humility. eFLY’s Student Leadership is a team through which we want to equip and empower students who feel the call to lead other individuals with a Christ-like attitude.

We want your involvement in this team to spring from your understanding that God loves you unconditionally and that serving Him isn’t about earning your place in Heaven—Christ already did that for you. As a believer in Christ, each one of you was created, saved, and gifted for ministry. He has given you gifts, experiences, and qualities that He wants you to use, not just at church, but also at home, at school, on your sports team, etc.

We are not looking for students who view Student Leadership as just an extension of their social life. We are not looking for students who are motivated by recognition, reputation, rank or reward. This isn’t the cute, fun popular club at church. Instead, we welcome students who have a desire to care for and love others in order to glorify God. We are looking for students who are serving in all aspects of their lives and who are willing to be spiritual leaders to those around them. We want students who are motivated by the fact that they are loved by Jesus Christ, the One who set the ultimate example of service for us.

>>> Mark 10:45 | For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.

We want to train, develop and disciple student leaders so that they are equipped to better serve their church, schools, and communities. We want to see eFLY students grow and discover their gifts and abilities so that they can use them to glorify God. We want eFLY to be a place where students are encouraged to not only cast a vision, but to execute it as well, believing in the truth that they are empowered by the Holy Spirit and supported by the family of Christ around them.

Please carefully read the following material with prayer and careful consideration to see if the Student Leadership team is something God is leading you to join. Again, we are so excited to have you considering becoming part of this team. We love you!

Jennifer Charbauski

Ebenezer Youth Director

PAGE 02 | EXPECTATIONS

We live in a world full of people who need Jesus. Our families. Our schools. Our communities. Our state. Our country. In every corner of the world, you can find places to give love, share joy, and let the light of Christ shine. The Student Leadership team is a group of people shining so brightly with God’s love that our families, our schools, our communities clearly see God’s love.

We strongly believe that God is doing an incredible work in our area and we believe that building up a team of student leaders is crucial to accomplish what He is doing.

We believe that God wants to do great things through you, and we believe that begins with having an attitude of humility before God. We are hoping that the humble mentality God gives you will lead you into a life of serving others.

We want to be a community of people who serve together, who seek God together, and who pray together for God to show us what He wants to do in and through us.

We want to disciple you, and we are hoping you will allow us to do that.

If you become a student leader, you commit to these standards:

* Having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and living by faith, following His example and obeying His commands in the Bible.
* Regular church and youth group attendance.
* Attending student leadership meetings on the last Sunday of every month.
* Meeting regularly with an adult mentor for Bible study, prayer, and accountability (This takes place in year 2 of the SLT program).
* Attending the Student Leadership retreat.
* Living a lifestyle befitting a role model and ambassador of Jesus
* Being an example of proper behavior during worship services, programs and activities
* “Being a light” on my school campus, in my neighborhood, and in my house.
* Modeling a healthy commitment to my family
* Consistently diving into God’s Word and letting the Holy Spirit transform you
* Having done the work required (i.e.: reading books we assign, completing homework, finding and meeting with accountability partner, preparing a list of ways to reach your school and/or community
* Reaching out to students in our church or who are new
* Praying for eFLY, our schools, Northwood, yourself, your family, etc.
* Understanding that you are held to a higher standard & remaining open to correction/accountability for eFLY leaders regarding your actions, words, social media usage, clothing, etc.

Now that you have read over the commitment you are making, please take some time to pray about it. Also, talk to your parents about your desire to serve on student leadership. Make sure they know what kind of commitment it will be. After you have done this, and if you still want to be on student leadership, please take some time to review the following passages about Biblical Standard for Leadership.

Please Review These Biblical Standards:

Mark 9:35 Titus 1:7-9 1 Timothy 4:12, 16

Student Leadership Team Commitments:

**I agree to grow and mature in my relationship with God through personal times of reading my Bible and prayer**

 **Yes No**

**I understand and agree to submit to all the Standards of the Student Leadership Team (SLT).**

 **Yes No**

**I agree to serve in a ministry, using my gifts and abilities to further the kingdom of God.**

 **Yes No**

**I agree to hold other SLT members accountable to the standards and guidelines set forth in this application.**

 **Yes No**

**I understand and agree to attend and be on time to all SLT meetings.**

 **Yes No**

**If for any reason I am unable to attend when scheduled for leadership commitment or any other required event/service I agree to communicate my absence ahead of time (at least 3 days ahead).**

 **Yes No**

**I agree to attend Student Leadership retreat.**

 **Yes No**

**I recognize the standards for holiness and character of a leader as they are exhibited in the above Scripture passages and others in Scripture. By His grace, as a growing Christian, I desire to pursue God and reflect the character of Christ in my life. I expect to be encouraged, admonished and kept accountable to do this by other believers at Ebenezer Free Lutheran Church.**

**I have also read, understand, and commit to all the above standards and guidelines. I realize that Student Leadership is a one-year commitment and each year I must reapply if I wish to continue to be a part of eFLY’s Student Leadership Team.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

PAGE 03 | MINISTRY
Our ministry exists to help students love God, know who they are in Christ, and love others. eFLY Student Leadership exists to help students connect with other believers, grow in their relationship with the Lord, serve others, and honor God.

eFLY’s Core Values

LOVE GOD

IDENTITY

LOVE OTHERS

~GREAT COMMANDMENT~

Matthew 22: 37-40 - Jesus replied, “„You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. ‟ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: „Love your neighbor as yourself. ‟ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

eFLY Student Leadership Core Values:

CONNECT

GROW

SERVE

HONOR

CONNECT | As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. ~Proverbs 27:17

Friends are so important, but we’re called to something more than that. Imagine having friendships on a much deeper level than what you’re probably used to—friends who know the real you and still invite you to things, who care about your walk with God, who encourage you, rather than judge you. These are Jesus-centered friendships and at eFLY, we create tons of opportunities to help you build these deep, meaningful friendships.

GROW | But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen. ~ 1 Peter 3:18

A relationship with Jesus Christ should never be boring, stagnant or stale. Instead, it should be vibrant, exciting and growing! eFLY wants to help you grow in your faith and in your understanding and commitment to Jesus. We’ve got all sorts of things going on that can help you grow, including a bunch of tools and resources that can help you develop some habits of spiritual growth.

SERVE | “LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF”

Take a look around. You don’t have to look very hard to notice that we live in a world that is broken and in need of people who can make a difference. eFLY has tons of opportunities for you to get involved. If you want to serve, but can’t find a ministry that looks interesting, invent one of your own, and we’ll help you get it launched.

HONOR | “LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART”

One of our goals is to help you live a life that honors God. Honoring God through our choices, our attitudes, our lifestyle and the way we live day-to-day is the ultimate act of worship. Everything our ministry does is designed to help you live a life that brings honor to God.

STUDENT LEADER | APPLICATION

Complete this application and make sure you give the references to one of your parents and another adult. Please provide your references with an envelope so they can have it sealed up when they return it to you. Once you have completed everything, please put this application and both of your references in one envelope. Turn in to church office or in Jen’s office. Do not hand your application and references in separately.

Turn everything in by May 17th

Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell#\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ School:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Parent #\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been attending eFLY? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Is Ebenezer your home church? Y N Do you regularly attend another church? If so, which one? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is student leadership?

Why do you want to be a student leader?

What qualities do you have that makes you a good leader?

List some of your strengths & describe a time when you were able to use them

List some of your weaknesses & describe a time when they limited you

Describe a time in which you took the lead role in a job or task.

Give me an example of when you think you had a positive influence on another student.

What other activities, positions, employment, or commitments do you already have planned for next year and what is the time commitment involved for them?

Is there anything in your life that would prevent you from being an effective leader?

Describe your family life?

Please share what you’re doing to continue growing in your faith in Jesus

Write out your testimony

Describe an obstacle that you have overcome

What are you passionate about?

How can you use your passions in service through leadership?

Which ministry(ies) are you currently involved in?

Which ministry would you like to be a part of this next year? \*

List some things that you are good at and enjoy doing? \*

Name one area in your life in which you would most like to grow in this year? \*

Answer the following questions in paragraph form in the space below:

What do you believe about the Bible? Who wrote it? Do you believe the scripture is inerrant? Why?

How often do you read your Bible? How do you go about studying scripture?

Why is it important that Christians read the Bible regularly?

What do you believe about prayer?

Do you pray? How often? When? Why?