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

The Ohio University Multicultural Leadership Ambassador Program provides a unique opportunity for students to take an active role on campus by discussing their personal narratives in correlation with diversity related topics. The Ambassadors work toward changing 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 and 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 our most involved students and become part of a close-knit, diverse, and vibrant group.

Presentation topics include 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 Multicultural Leadership Ambassador?
- To help increase awareness, promote inclusiveness, and prompt genuine celebration of differences among students
- 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 Multicultural 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
  (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

Multicultural 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 your Resident 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 the fall and spring Ambassador kick-off
- 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

For more information on the program, visit our website at

https://www.ohio.edu/diversity/ambassadors.cfm

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

Full Name: ___________________________________________

Preferred Name: ___________________________________________

Student PID Number: _______________________________________

Local Address: _________________________________________________________________

Hometown: ____________________________________________________________________

Cell Phone: ___________________________ Permanent Home Phone: _______________________

OHIO Email Address: ____________________________________________

Current Academic Classification: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

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

Multicultural 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 Multicultural 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 Multicultural 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 Multicultural 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: Multicultural 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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Multicultural Leadership Ambassador Reference Form

Ohio University Multicultural Leadership Ambassadors encourages 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 MC 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 an MC Ambassador.

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

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