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Sunday, April 13th.

Chi Alpha Student Leadership Application

We appreciate your involvement in Chi Alpha and your interest in serving in a leadership role in the ministry. This application is designed so you can:

- Describe your relationship with God,
- Share your experience in Chi Alpha and church, and,
- Discuss your concept of leadership and availability to serve.

1. What is your first/last name?

Chi Alpha is a national Christian ministry affiliated with the Assemblies of God U.S.A. We are made up of both national bodies and local student groups that share a common vision, mission, and set of core Christian beliefs. To maintain our Christian witness, we need leaders who embrace our conduct agreement, vision, mission, values, and beliefs in both their word and their actions. Please take a moment, and review our organizational statements below.

2. Can you affirm Chi Alpha's conduct, vision, mission, and core beliefs? (pg. 5-7) Please comment.

Your Relationship with God

3. How long have you been a committed and active follower of Jesus?

4. In your own words, what does it mean to be a committed and active follower of Jesus?

5. Describe your personal devotional life in terms of consistency, content, and average amount of time. Please include something Jesus has been talking to you about or an area of recent personal growth.

6. How much of the Bible have you not read (please be specific)?

7. How does personal evangelism find expression in your life?

8. Have you been water baptized?

9. Describe what the work of the Holy Spirit looks like in your life? What does it mean to you to be “Spirit-Filled”?

Your Experience in Chi Alpha and Church

10. Describe the depth of your involvement in Chi Alpha, including how long you’ve been involved.
11. Describe how God has used Chi Alpha in your life.
12. How comfortable are you inviting your friends to Chi Alpha activities and small groups? Share the story of someone you invited in the past year.
13. Describe your church background prior to college.
14. What local church do you presently attend?

Leadership and Availability

15. What does it mean to be a Christian leader?
16. What has motivated you to seek a ministry leadership role with Chi Alpha?
17. What are two of your character qualities that you think will help you be a successful ministry leader?
18. What are two of your character qualities that you think will make leading a challenge?
19. To your knowledge, would anyone object to you being a leader? If so, why?
20. How many hours a week can you devote to serving as a ministry leader?

21. Are there other campus or community clubs/organizations in which you are involved? Do you have any specific responsibilities with these groups?
22. Will you have a part- or full-time job next term? If so, where and how many hours will you work a week?
23. Are you involved in a committed dating relationship? If so, do you see it compromising your commitment and availability to serve in leadership?

Just the Facts

24. Which social media networks do you actively use? Please provide links/social media handles to each platform you use.
25. What is your cell phone number?
26. What is your email address?
27. What is your current year in school?
28. What is your major/minor?
29. What is your cumulative GPA?
30. Who is your current small group leader?

Finally

31. What questions do you have about Chi Alpha and/or our core beliefs?

Chi Alpha Student Leadership Conduct Agreement

Principles of Conduct Informed by a Christian Worldview

Why is it important to have principles of conduct as student leaders?

First, Jesus calls us to have integrity with our words and actions. We want our lifestyle to demonstrate the good news we have encountered. Second, as “Christ’s Ambassadors”, we serve as Jesus’ representatives and act on his behalf! Third, the Bible provides standards for spiritual leaders. Our student leadership (officers, small group leaders, ministry leaders) in Chi Alpha serve as spiritual leaders to the community, and thus are held to the same biblical standards. We are instructed to live prophetically and not follow broken or sinful practices in our culture. And finally, being a spiritual leader means we set an example for others in our life of purity. We are sacrificial and self-limiting in order to help those who need strengthening in their faith. (Matthew 23, 2 Corinthians 5:18–20, 1 Timothy 3:1-13, Romans 12:1–2, 1 Corinthians 11:1, 1 Timothy 4:12, Romans 14:1-4)

The Student Leader’s Commitment to God: I believe that Scripture clearly teaches that those who are spiritual leaders in the body of Christ must live their lives by a standard. I will do my best to reflect the Lord Jesus to those around me, recognizing that I am a living epistle from God (2 Corinthians 3:3). Therefore...

I Will Maintain A Growing Relationship With God: As spiritual leaders, it is important that we keep our personal relationships with God a priority (John 15:1-8). We strive to nurture a life of repentance, prayer, Bible study, confession of sin, and openness to God and we commit to honest conversations with our Chi Alpha mentors about our spiritual life. We expect that spiritual leaders in our community will be active, regular participants in our corporate worship.

I Will Only Date In A God-Honoring Way: As spiritual leaders, it is important we embrace Biblically-informed romantic relationships. This means we take dating seriously, as an exploration of a relationship that could result in God’s vision of marriage between a man and a woman (Genesis 2:23-24) who share the same faith in Jesus (1 Corinthians 7:39, 2 Corinthians 6:14). Therefore, we expect spiritual leaders will not pursue or date anyone whom God forbids them to marry.

I Will Be Sexually Pure: As believers, we are called to honor God with our bodies (1 Corinthians 6:20). Everyone deals with a variety of sexual temptations. God’s Word is clear that temptation and desire are not sin (James 1:13-15, Hebrews 4:15) and, therefore, do not disqualify us from leadership among His people. We are, however, to avoid sexually immoral actions (1 Thessalonians 4:3-7). Sexual immorality covers any consensual sexual behavior running counter to the Biblical expectation that sex is celebrated in the context of marriage between a man and a woman (Gen 2:23-24, Matthew 19:5-6) and forbidden in all other contexts (Hebrews 13:4, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11). This includes (but is not limited to) pornography, premarital sex, adultery, sexually stimulating touch, foreplay, casual sexual encounters, sharing or posting sexually explicit or suggestive media, and writing or consuming erotica.

I Will Not Be Mastered By Alcohol: As believers we see that Scripture limits our consumption of alcohol. It forbids excessive drinking and drunkenness (Ephesians 5:18, Romans 13:13), it commands that drinking age laws should be obeyed (Romans 13:1-2), and it demonstrates that we should view the effects of our consumption on others as more important than our freedom (Romans 14). In order to live a life above reproach (Titus 1:7-9), we promote abstinence from alcohol for our spiritual leaders. Therefore, we choose to lay down this freedom and abstain from the consumption of alcohol.

I Will Refrain From Mind-Altering and Addictive Substances: As believers, we heed God's call to be a people of sober-mindedness and clear judgment (Luke 21:32-36, 1 Peter 4:1-7, Ephesians 5:17-18), to have our minds transformed by God instead of by a substance (Ephesians 5:18, Romans 12:2), and to be a holy people in the perceptions and judgments of others (1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1). Considering these principles, Chi Alpha maintains it is not proper Christian conduct to use mind-altering, addictive or illegal drugs. This includes marijuana even where it is legal. We require those in leadership to abstain from using any such drugs except as prescribed by a doctor.

I Will Honor the Body of Christ and My Place in It: As believers, we rejoice whenever Christ is proclaimed (Philippians 1:15-18), and so we commit to cooperate with rather than compete with other Gospel-driven, Bible-believing ministries on campus. We will speak well of them and will not seek to recruit students away from other ministries into our own. However, as leaders, we also understand that choosing to accept a leadership role entails commitment to those we are leading, and thus, we will give our energy to ministering in the role we have accepted in our Chi Alpha community rather than seeking to be involved in multiple campus ministries.

I Will Build My Community: As believers, we choose to love each other and encourage one another to good works. We value meeting together for corporate worship and ongoing discipleship. (Hebrews 10:24-25) We refrain from gossip and divisive behavior (Titus 3:2, Colossians 3:8, Romans 1:29-32, Romans 16:17, 1 Corinthians 1:10). As leaders, we address conflict following the Biblical model (Matthew 18:15-17) and take the initiative in restoring a broken relationship regardless of fault (Matthew 5:23-24).

I Will Honor God With My Studies: We pursue our studies as a way of honoring God (Colossians 3:23-24). Therefore, we prioritize classes, assignments, and exams with the attitude that it is the Lord Jesus who receives glory when we fulfill our calling as students. We will remain in good academic standing with the university.

I have read and agree to abide by these commitments, and uphold Chi Alpha's vision, mission, and core beliefs.

Print Name

Signature

Date

Chi Alpha Vision, Mission, Core Values & Core Beliefs

Vision Statement

We are a Spirit-Empowered, diverse community of believers on university campuses, declaring in word and lifestyle our faith in Jesus Christ, equipped to fulfill our purpose in God's global plan.

Mission Statement

We reconcile students to Christ, equipping them through Spirit-Filled communities of prayer, worship, fellowship, discipleship, and mission to transform the university, the marketplace, and the world.

Core Values

Community, Creativity, Diversity, Excellence, Integrity, and Servant-Leadership.

Core Beliefs

1. We believe the Bible is God's message to us, so we seek to understand and obey its truth.
2. We believe there is one God who is three persons, so we yearn to know Him in all of His complexity and beauty.
3. We believe Jesus is fully God and fully human, so we rejoice that Christ can be a bridge between us and God.
4. We believe people throughout history have sinned against God, so we are deeply aware that we too are marked by willful disobedience.
5. We believe God extends forgiveness to us through Christ, so we repent and rejoice in our forgiveness.
6. We believe God offers freedom from sin's grasp, so we live lives that are pleasing to God.
7. We believe that Jesus promised every believer the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, which is to be expected and sought after.
8. We believe that God can heal both the body and the heart, so we pray with faith and hope.
9. We believe that the empowerment of the Holy Spirit is evidenced initially by speaking in tongues, and we eagerly seek this gift.
10. We believe in the Church, so we live in this community of faith, inviting others to join us.
11. We believe God gives leaders as gifts to His Church, so we serve those whom the Lord entrusts to us.
12. We believe God commands his followers to celebrate communion and baptism, so we practice these symbolic actions, reflecting on their significance.
13. We believe Jesus will return to claim His Church, so we live in expectancy of His coming.
14. We believe Christ will one day be seen clearly as King on earth, so we live as citizens of His Kingdom now.
15. We believe God is the ultimate Judge, so we live knowing that our choices will echo through eternity.
16. We believe we will live with God forever, so we live with hope regardless of our circumstances.

Expectations of Small Group Leader

What are the qualifications to be considered for a small group leader role?

- Active member of a small group for at least one semester.
- Complete the entirety of the EQUIP journey (Lab, Retreat, Interview, Commission)
- Be willing to uphold the Student Leadership Conduct Agreement
- Be willing to come into alignment with Chi Alpha's Vision, Mission, Values, and Beliefs
- Fulfill the responsibilities of a Small Group Leader

What is the "job description" for a Small Group Leader?

- Be willing to serve one full school year commitment (May to May).
- Maintain a healthy and fruitful devotional and prayer life.
- Return to school to lead Fall Launch; the movement is only as strong as its leaders.
- Engage in personal and facilitated outreach.
- Model and foster Christ centered community and fellowship.
- Lead and prepare a small group weekly meeting.
- Intentionally invest into relationships through one on one discipleship
- Attend Large Group weekly
- Attend all high priority events (Brotherhood/Sisterhood | Fall Launch | Fall Retreat | SALT | EQUIP)
- Participate in Resource Group (Bi-weekly leader gathering for celebration, further training, and prayer)
- Meet regularly with a SGL Coach. (avg 1-2x/month)
- Attend a local church regularly
- Be accountable to your Chi Alpha staff and fellow leaders.

Six Wins of a Small Group Leader

WIN #1 – Daily Devotion to Jesus

WIN #2 – Every Conversation Leads to Jesus

WIN #3 – Be With Your Small Group Outside of Small Group

WIN #4 – Honor People to Other People

WIN #5 – Delegate Responsibility to Create Maturity

WIN #6 – The Grit to Keep Going

Considerations

- Average weekly time investment **~8-10 hours**
0.5-1 hr - Prep for small group (study & prayer) / 1.5 hrs - Small Group Study / 1-2 hrs - One on ones / 2 hrs - Large Group / 2-3 hrs - Events
- Financial Investment
 - Conferences / Retreats: Fall Retreat (\$100), SALT (\$150), Equip (\$50) ***Scholarships available if needed
 - Hospitality: As leaders, one way we serve is through showing hospitality. This could look like inviting someone over for dinner, buying someone a cup of coffee, bringing a snack to share at small group, etc...