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Relationships

God, Family, Refuge, School and Community

“Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself’” (Matthew 22:37-39).

Student leaders are expected to actively pursue the building of quality relationships with the Lord, their family, other students, and in school and the community.

Lifestyle with Accountability

Speech, Life, Love, Faith, and Purity

“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity” (1 Timothy 4:12).

Speech = What You Say and How You Talk

There should be no gossip, slander, backbiting, negative speech, coarse joking, or foul language, but rather encouragement, edification, and positive language.

Life = Lifestyle, Conduct, & Behavior

Your lifestyle should reflect Christ by the way you live. Living a life above reproach and safeguarding against any accusations is of utmost importance. Drugs, alcohol, smoking, tobacco, and other related addictions will not be tolerated.

Love = Your Relationship With People

Your relationships with others should exemplify purity, love, and care.

Faith = Your Relationship With God

Fostering your relationship with the Lord is your highest calling.

Purity = Standards, Morals, and Convictions

As a leader, you must live with purity and holiness. There must be no immorality, premarital sex, foreplay, or perversion. In addition, there must be purity in entertainment, the Internet, books, magazines, videos, and music.

Attitude

Servanthood, Optimism, and Teamwork Mindset

“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant being made in human likeness” (Philippians 2:5-7).



Your attitude is your greatest asset. Developing a positive attitude accompanied with obedience, humility, selflessness, and servanthood is a priority.

Loyalty

United With the Leadership in Word, Action, and Priority

“I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought” (1 Corinthians 1:10).

Disloyalty will not be tolerated. There must be loyalty to the pastoral staff and their families, the church leadership, and the youth ministry. “Disloyalty in the leadership will result in disunity in the ranks.”

Involvement

Using Your Gifts in Ministry & Being Faithful to Services and Meetings

“Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you” (1 Timothy 4:14).

There must be a commitment to be involved in a ministry team serving with faithfulness.

Commitment

Faithfulness, Time, Availability, and High Standards

“Your hearts must be fully committed to the Lord our God, to live by his decrees and obey his commands, as at this time” (1 Kings 8:61).

Commitment must be consistent showing faithfulness, promptness, high standards, and availability. This means you are committed to that which you agree in advance to be involved in.

Produce Fruit

Longevity, Change in Lives of Teens, and Responsibilities Done Well

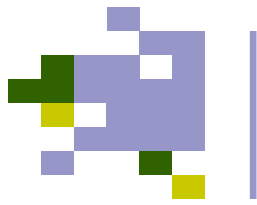
“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing...This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples” (John 15:5,8).

Student Leadership Agreement

As a member of Refuge Student Leadership, I hereby commit myself to live in accordance with the standards set forth in this covenant. I understand the seriousness of this covenant and that the Bible places a higher standard upon leadership. Should I fail in my commitment, I will be disciplined accordingly. I understand that there will be no tolerance in regards to sexual behavior, addictions, smoking, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and foul language. Such activity may result in my removal from leadership. I commit myself to this covenant choosing to honor Christ with my life.

Signed: _____ Date: _____





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Student Leadership

Student leadership is composed of high school students who have a sincere desire to serve Jesus Christ and develop their leadership skills. This is not a program for every student but rather a ministry opportunity that is accompanied by high standards, high commitment, and high expectations. Skill level is not the basic requirement of leadership. As you review the requirements for student leadership you will notice that there are four key facets expected in the commitment:

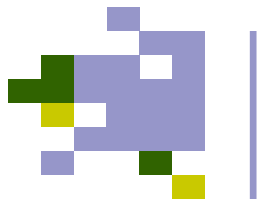
- * Personal growth, character, and maturity on spiritual, emotional, and social levels
- * Ministry involvement and commitment
- * Responsibility
- * Personal leadership development

As you read through the requirements and covenant please understand we are not looking for perfection, we do, however, recognize that scripturally, leadership does require a higher standard. Our desire is to help you grow into the leader God wants you to be. Student leadership meets monthly throughout the entire year.

Student Leadership Requirements

- Complete the student leadership application.
- Be in 9th grade-1 year after high school.
- Be available to meet once each month for a leadership meeting.
- Commit to personal growth.
- Live according to the standards set forth in the Student Leadership Covenant.
- Be actively involved in a ministry.
- Help follow up with visitors and absentees by email or phone.
- Commit to attend youth services weekly.
- Enroll in a discipleship opportunity throughout your involvement with student leadership (Sunday school, Small Group Bible Study, Etc.)
- Be involved in additional leadership training made available.
- Be interviewed by the youth pastor.





Refuge Student Leadership Application

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name _____

School _____

Grade _____ Age _____ Birthday _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Date you were born-again _____

Date you were baptized in water _____

Do you

_____ use tobacco? _____ drink alcohol? _____ use drugs?

_____ engage in premarital sex? _____ use foul language?

_____ engage in pornography (Internet, magazine, video, or any other)?

What are your strengths?

What are your weaknesses?

What would you consider to be your fatal flaw(s)? In other words, what weaknesses in your life do you consider could be potentially destructive if it were not under control?

What gifts, talents, and abilities has God given you that can be used for ministry?



Can you commit without compromise to the Student Leadership Commitment?

Can you fulfill the requirements of Student Leadership? If no, please explain.

Which ministry team(s) would you be interested in serving on?

Describe in one paragraph why you would like to serve in leadership at Refuge.

Please list the names of three adults (not family related or on staff at the church) and their phone numbers that we can use as references for your character and commitment.

Name	Phone Number
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____

Student Leadership Agreement

I understand that if I am selected to serve as a student leader that I will be expected to live in accordance with the Student Leadership Commitment, requirements, and additional responsibilities outlined in this application and in the program. I realize that this is a commitment and will require my time, gifts and abilities, and a willingness to serve and sacrifice for the work of God through this youth ministry. I understand what is expected and required of me and do hereby commit to this leadership, upon approval, with the highest level of excellence. I will live my life in such a manner as to honor and please my Lord Jesus Christ, will serve my fellow peers, and will submit fully to the leadership of this youth ministry and church. I understand that if I fail in the above commitment that I will be removed from student leadership.

Signed _____

Date _____

Parent's Signature of Support _____

Date _____



