

CLCCYOUTH Student Leader Application Form

Dear Potential Student Leader,

WE'RE EXCITED THAT YOU'RE INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED IN LEADERSHIP AT CLCC YOUTH!

There are many different ways you can become involved in the youth ministry of *Christian Life Community Church*. We really believe in the importance of building new leaders from each age group who can give back to the church and to God. As a student leader, we believe that not only will you benefit from the experience, but you will be given the opportunity to impact the lives of those you minister to.

We want to share God's love with as many of the youth of Abbotsford as we can, and we need students who are willing to serve and help out. If you are feeling like you would like to serve and help in any way, we would like to hear from you! We are looking for students who have a relationship with God, who want to share His love with others, and who are *currently an active part of CLCC youth*. Read through the rest of this application and pray about this decision. Fill out the application and turn it in. We will be in touch with you after you hand in your application. All of the information you give on your application will be strictly confidential.

Thanks for considering this responsibility - it's a great way to be challenged in your own walk with God while helping others in theirs! We're looking forward to hearing from you. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions. We place a high value on those who are a part of our team; because we place a high value on those we want to reach!

Love in Christ,

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THE PURPOSE & VISION:

'CLCCYOUTH EXISTS TO HELP STUDENTS LIVE THEIR GREATEST LIFE BY LOVING GOD, LOVING OTHERS, REACHING THE WORLD'

Our purpose statement is WHY we do youth ministry...not HOW. If we don't know why we are doing something, then what is the point??? Know this statement and memorize it!!

LOVING GOD – Loving God is about turning anything and everything into worship. We have all been so uniquely created. To truly love Him we are to acknowledge the way He has designed us so we can relay our love in accordance with that. Therefore, loving Him looks a little differently coming from each of us; whether it is painting, singing, creating something, writing, dancing, studying the Word, picking up garbage, contemplative thinking, spending time with people, obeying what he has asked us to do, or just thinking about who Jesus is - it's all giving God our love!

LOVING OTHERS - At clccyouth we think it is important to share life and faith in Jesus with others. This means that we aim to clearly demonstrate the life of Jesus in what we do with our friends, our family, and in our community. Sharing Jesus with others happens best when we live like disciples following him. After all, we have been given this special gift of a heart forgiven and hope everlasting – that is something worth sharing and showing to others...it isn't meant to be kept a secret!

REACHING THE WORLD - Reaching out is an action and we want to act in a very meaningful and practical way – service. God loves everyone and we can show his love by serving one another. Serving is about fulfilling REAL needs around us. These needs can be met by asking ourselves the question, "What things can I do to help people?" Because people only care about how much you know once they know how much you care. Lets be people who care...and show it!

OUR VISION AS LEADERS:

To be a team of leaders and student leaders who model a real relationship with Christ and are passionate about challenging others towards experiencing Jesus. Our vision is also to love each other wholeheartedly, working together with one heart, one mind, and one purpose.

*"Don't be selfish; don't love to make a good impression on others. Be humble, thinking others better than yourself. Don't just think about your own affairs, but be interested in others too and what they are doing."
-Phillipians 2:2-4*

We have an opportunity to impact those in our circle of influence - those we are in contact with. We can do this if we decide to spend ourselves - our time, energy, and love, on others and make a difference in their world. Think of what one person can do if they intentionally decide to make a difference in the lives of the people around them by showing God's love. Think of someone who invested in your life... Think how you can make a difference in someone else's life... Endless possibilities... Remember that "normal" can change for the better!

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EXPECTATIONS AND BOUNDARIES OF CLCC STUDENT LEADERS:

EXPECTATIONS:

- Be committed to God.
- Be committed to CLCC youth – (please don't be a church/youth group "hopper")
- We recommend that you be a regular attendee of Christian Life Community Church. If your family attends another church and you are connected with our youth group then we may make an exception. It's important to build consistency and relationships by being consistent in attendance.
- You must be an active participant at CLCC youth for a period of at least three months before being a student leader.
- Mingle and welcome any newcomers or unfamiliar youth while at any CLCC youth event. You know what it's like to be new and not know anyone. The more people who say "hi" and learn their names, the more they will feel welcomed. **REMEMBER NAMES!!** Don't forget that everyone is welcome regardless of how they look, smell, or whatever.
- Participate wholeheartedly in activities and events. Be first to jump up and volunteer in a game or to pray in a group. Clap, yell, cheer others on – don't sit back on the sidelines! Help out in any way that you can.
- Commit to tithing.
- If you are in a boyfriend/girlfriend relationship, we expect you to keep yourself sexually pure and to avoid any appearance of evil. Set a good example – a high standard of purity for others to follow!
- Please dress modestly.
- Make yourself available for set up and clean up when you can.
- Be on time for events and activities.
- Don't gossip! If you have questions or concerns about any youth group issues, talk to Chad or Chris first before chatting with another youth or leader. **THANKYOU!!**
- Please let us know if you cannot attend an event – especially one that you are specifically involved in.

BOUNDARIES:

In any position of leadership, there is a higher bar of expectation than on others - this is something that you just have to accept as a leader. Like it or not, people are watching you and as a leader you need to be aware of that. Having said that, we need to be careful about what people see and we have to be extra careful about the situations we allow ourselves to be in.

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Also, we have to check some of our liberties and freedoms at the door for the sake of this position. You may have certain opinions and views regarding lifestyle issues that may differ from someone else (ie. Tobacco and alcohol use). The Bible, on which we base all of the values and moral guidelines of our lives, does not specifically deal with some of the issues in our culture today. However, the following Biblical principles can give us guidelines to follow in these issues:

- the Bible condemns self-indulgence while commanding self-control (Gal 5:19-25)
- the Bible commands respect of one's body (I Thess 4:4; I Corinthians 6:18-20)
- Community Interests are to be put ahead of self-interest (Phil 2:3-5)

Personal liberties need to be put aside when they can keep someone else from growing in their spiritual walk. Also, when the exercising of liberty could be misunderstood in a way that would negatively affect your Christian witness, or the witness of CLCC youth. In cases where our culture abuses certain freedoms, Christian leaders need to show self-restraint.

SOME SPECIFIC BOUNDARIES:

- Guys never drive girls home alone and girls never drive guys home alone. There are no exceptions to this rule in CLCC leadership. When a situation seems unavoidable, it isn't. Call someone, get help, make two trips, be honest, do what you have to do to avoid it!
- During youth nights, girl leaders will work closely with and minister to girls and guys will work closely with and minister to guys ... mingling is cool, but a defined standard is important in keeping distractions to a minimum.
- There are to be no dating relationships between any adult leaders and students.
- Please watch your interactions with other students or leaders. If you are in a dating relationship with another youth, please keep in mind that you are being watched ... no public displays of affection (or PDA) please! Keep it clean, folks!
- Language, language – no swearing is permitted at CLCC youth. In no way can foul language be used or promoted by student leaders. This includes dirty jokes, inappropriate sexual discussions or comments, rude remarks, gossip, inappropriate sarcasm, and negativity. Please and thank you 😊.
- Sr High Student Leaders must not drive Jr High's home from ministry nights. Only adult leaders will drive younger students home.

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QUALITIES OF A CLCC STUDENT LEADER:

- **POSITIVE ATTITUDE - ABILITY TO WORK WITH AND SEE PEOPLE AND SITUATIONS IN A CONSTRUCTIVE WAY.**
- **SERVANTHOOD - THE WILILNGNESS TO SACRIFICE TIME AND ENERGY FOR OTHERS WITHOUT NEEDING ANYONE TO NOTICE.**
- **TEAM PLAYER - THE MIND-SET OF LOOKING OUT FOR OTHERS AND LIFTING OTHERS WHILE WORKING TOWARDS A COMMON GOAL.**
- **GROWING EDGE - A HUNGER FOR PERSONAL AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH. WE CAN ONLY LEAD OTHERS WHERE WE HAVE BEEN BEFORE ...**
- **FOLLOW-THROUGH - A COMMITMENT TO CLCC FOR AN ENTIRE YEAR; FULFILL ANY SPECIFIC MINISTRIES OR JOBS TAKEN.**
- **INTEGRITY - TRUSTWORTHINESS AND SOLID CHARACTER; CONSISTENT WORDS AND WALK ARE KEY.**
- **DISCIPLINE - THE WILLINGNESS TO DO WHAT IS REQUIRED REGARDLESS OF PERSONAL MOOD.**
- **RELATIONAL - THE ABILITY TO MAKE OTHERS FEEL COMFORTABLE - EVERYONE COUNTS AND NEEDS TO BE KNOWN, GREETED, AND CARED FOR.**
- **SENSE OF HUMOR - ABILITY TO LAUGH AT YOURSELF, TRY NEW THINGS AND HAVE A GOOD TIME LEARNING FROM YOUR MISTAKES!!**
- **BE PATIENT - BE PATIENT WITH YOURSELF: DON'T STRESS IF YOUR LEARNING CURVE IS HIGH! JUST BE WILLING TO LEARN. ALSO BE PATIENT WITH OTHERS:: REMEMBER EVERYONE IS AT A DIFFERENT PLACE. REACH OUT AND LOVE PEOPLE WHERE THEY'RE AT!!**

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HOW TO BECOME A CLCC STUDENT LEADER: THE APPLICATION

1.) EXPRESS INTEREST

You may be interested in getting involved and not know where or how. That's where we'll help you. So pray for God's guidance for you as you take the next steps.

2.) INITIAL CONTACT

This is an opportunity for us to briefly hear where you're at and about your desire to get involved in leadership. We will also give you a general overview of the ministry and arrange for you to check out our programs.

3.) RECEIVE YOUTH MINISTRY MATERIAL

This packet gives you all the basic info that will help you make decisions about CLCC youth ministry. You will learn more about CLCC ministries by attending them, much more than this packet can explain!

4.) OBSERVE PROGRAMS

Before you fill out this application, we encourage you to come and check out any program you're interested in helping out at. You will have a chance to meet kids, parents, and leaders and see just what you're getting into! It may be uncomfortable at first if you don't recognize any faces, but that is natural and will change quickly should you become involved.

5.) COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKET

This is self-explanatory!

6.) INTERVIEW

This is your opportunity to share thoughts from your observations, share where you feel most gifted, describe your spiritual journey, and communicate your desire for working in CLCC student leadership. Here we will discuss more specifics concerning your potential role as a leader.

7.) PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER YOUR COMMITMENT

We want you to take your time and pray about this commitment. We also encourage you to seek advice from family and/or friends regarding this commitment.

8.) RETURN THE SIGNED COMMITMENT SHEET

After you have decided to join the CLCC youth team, sign the commitment sheet and return it to us!

9.) BEGIN MINISTRY

We will discuss the beginning date when you turn in the commitment sheet. This date may vary depending on your involvement.

10.) EVALUATION MEETING

At your one month mark, we will meet to evaluate your feelings and perceptions regarding your involvement. We will continue to evaluate throughout the year and adjust your role to better fit your style, personality, and strengths.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM CLCC

- **STRUCTURE AND LEADERSHIP**
- **ENCOURAGING WORDS AND SUPPORT**
- **TRAINING AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**
- **CHALLENGE TO DEVELOP YOUR MINISTRY**
- **ADULT LEADERS WITH SWEET SKILLZ**

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APPLICATION FORM

(Please answer each question as completely as possible)

Name: _____

Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Age and Birthday: _____ Personal Web Page: _____

INTERESTS:

Sports Interests/Involvements:

Hobbies and Interests:

Do you have any vocal/song leading strengths? Do you play any instruments?
Which ones?

Drama Experience?

SPIRITUAL HISTORY:

Briefly describe how and when you became a Christian.

How would you describe the current health of your spiritual life?

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Describe your devotional and prayer life:

Name the person or people who have the greatest influence on your life and briefly describe why and how.

During your personal time with God in the last three days, what has God been teaching you?

How do you handle conflict or confrontation?

Are there any special issues or concerns happening in your life right now that would have an impact on your commitment and involvement in the youth ministry (ie. Relationships, other commitments etc.)?

LEGAL/LIFESTYLE CONCERNS:

Do you smoke (any tobacco product)? Yes No Occasionally

Do you use illegal drugs? Yes No Occasionally

Do you drink alcohol? Yes No Occasionally

Have you ever been arrested or detained for any illegal actions? Yes No. If yes, please explain.

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Have you ever been accused or convicted of any child abuse? Yes No If yes, please explain.

MINISTRY:

Why are you interested in working as a student leader?

What do you feel are the talents and gifts that God has given you and how do you feel they apply to CLCC youth ministry?

Serving in ministry takes time and commitment. We want leaders who will make this ministry a priority. What does commitment mean to you?

How well do you know your Bible? Circle one.

- Bible? What's that?
- I know where my Bible is
- I know the books of the Bible
- I read it rarely
- I read it weekly
- I read it almost every day
- I feel comfortable teaching others from it
- I can recite it by memory from beginning to end

How long have you attended Christian Life Community Church and/or youth group? _____

Is there anything else you feel we need to know about? If yes, please explain.

The information contained in this application package is fully correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that this personal information will be held confidential by Christian Life Community Church staff.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

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COMMITMENT PAGE

Return with your application

After spending time in prayer and discussing with my friends and family the commitment involved with becoming a student leader, I agree to commit to the following:

- I am committed to Jesus – I acknowledge His lordship of my life and have a personal relationship with Him
- I am committing growing spiritually through practicing personal habits – time with God, accountability, Bible study, commitment to Christian Life Community Church, and to giving/tithing.
- I am committing to serving consistently in a ministry.
- I am committing to make lifestyle choices that are godly and “above reproach” knowing that leadership demands higher standards. (see “Expectations and Boundaries” section)
- I am committing to the CLCCYOUTH student leadership team for the entire school year (September 1-June 30)
- I am committing to attending all student leader meetings.
- I am committing to be on time and in attendance on my ministry night
- I am committing to discover my God-given S.H.A.P.E. and begin to practice it in my home, within clccyouth.com and church, at my school, and wherever God takes me.

Signature: _____

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CLCCYOUTH LEADER MINISTRY REFERENCE

_____ is applying to become a volunteer youth worker with clccyouth at Christian Life Community Church and has given your name as a personal reference. This volunteer staff position will be in close contact with students and we want to ensure that these relationships will be healthy ones. Please complete the form below and fax to 604 852-7227 ATTN: Pastor Chris or Pastor Chad. We may ask you some follow-up questions. Your response will remain confidential; please do not return this to applicant.

Please use the following scale to respond to question #3:

1- low 2 – below average 3 – average 4 – very good 5 – excellent

1. Describe your relationship with/to this person.

2. How long have you known this person?

3. How would you rate his/her ability at the following?

Involvement in peer relations?	1	2	3	4	5
Emotional Maturity?	1	2	3	4	5
Resolving Conflict?	1	2	3	4	5
Following through with commitments?	1	2	3	4	5
Ability to relate to students?	1	2	3	4	5
Spiritual Maturity?	1	2	3	4	5
Hard worker?	1	2	3	4	5

4. What are this applicants greatest strengths?

5. Do you have any concerns regarding this person working with students?

Thank-you for taking the time to fill this out. If you have any questions regarding this reference, please call Pastor Chris or Pastor Chad at 604.853.4166

Your Name: _____ Date: _____

Contact Phone Numbers: _____

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