

# SLT

2023-2024

High School Student Leadership Team

10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

# Application

### Letter to Parents

Your son/daughter has shown interest in applying for the FBP High School Ministry's Student Leadership Team (SLT). Please know that it is not the desire of the High School Ministry to create more activities for your student to be involved in. Life is busy. There is always an activity to occupy our time. We recognize that busyness does not equate to growth and growth should not come at the sacrifice of family time and commitments.

However, I want you to know that a commitment to this team will involve a higher commitment from your student. In order to be a part of this leadership team, we will require the following commitments from your student:

- Monthly Meetings: SLT will meet one Sunday of the month – time and location TBD. These meetings will be very important, and students will typically only be allowed to miss one of them. They may miss up to two out of eight of these meetings.
- Student Leadership Training: The student leadership team will be required to attend a **mandatory** student leadership training day on **Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**. It will be an informative, crucial, and fun day setting up SLT for success. More details TBD.
- Reading Assignments: Students will have small reading assignments, usually a few chapters of reading that will be discussed during our meetings. They are expected to come to our monthly meetings with the material read and prepared to have intelligent discussion regarding it.
- Attendance: As a leader, we believe students must be present in order to influence. We ask that students make both Sundays and Wednesdays a priority in their schedule. If a student starts missing regularly without any communication with the High School Minister, this may result in dismissal from the team. Being available and present is a requirement for this team.
- SLT Huddle: There will be a huddle before both before Connection Groups every Sunday and before LIFT every Wednesday where SLT will pray and prepare for students to arrive. This will be important in getting students' hearts and minds on the same page as we come to worship.
- Leadership Roles: We expect SLT to serve in their TBD assigned role. Each role is unique to the ministry needs and will be determined after all SLT students have been selected. These roles are crucial in cultivating culture in the High School Ministry.
- Student Leadership Trip: Each year SLT will go on a leadership trip at the end of the academic year, usually in May. This is a trip specifically designed for student leadership. Any current members who are on SLT are encouraged to join us.

We understand that this is a big ask of them and of you, and we also know that not every student will be able to be a part of this team. However, if you think your son/daughter would be interested in this, then they can complete the first step by filling out the application on the next page! Thanks for your support!

In Christ,

Adam Thompson  
Minister to High School

## **How to Apply:**

1. Fill out this application **including** a parent signature. Submit to either the High School Minister or the Student Ministry Assistant.
2. Once your application is reviewed, an interview will be set up composed of the High School Minister and a High School Ministry Leader.
3. After your interview, you will be contacted to let you know our decision.
4. If accepted, you will then need to sign and return an SLT covenant that outlines how we will remain accountable to each other.

## **Advantages of SLT:**

**Being on the Student Leadership Team gives a student three major things:**

1. Investment
2. Experience
3. Training

### **1. Investment**

- Students will be a part of a smaller group in the ministry that will receive intentional investment from the High School Minister as well as other adult leaders in the High School Ministry. We will spend a good amount of time discussing leadership and talking about what it means to be an influencer in the world today for the glory of God.

### **2. Experience**

- Students will get the opportunity to try out leadership firsthand through practical, hands-on experience. Responsibilities will be given to them that fit their gifts and that give them a platform for developing and strengthening their talents.
- Students will also be able to attend a high-level leadership trip to hear and witness some of the leading voices today speak on leadership.
- We believe that leadership begins at the feet of Jesus, so students will also be strongly challenged to develop and be consistent in their spiritual disciplines as well as praying for their friends.

### **3. Training**

- Students will go through a personality test to help them understand how God has wired them to influence others.
- Students will be asked to read books on leadership to assist them in their development.
- Students will be given honest feedback and criticism to benefit them in their leadership journey.

## **SLT Conduct Guidelines**

If selected as a student leader, your conduct is expected to be consistent with that of biblical leadership as outlined in 1 Tim 3:1-7; Tit 1:5-9; 1 Pet 5:1-4. You will be held to a standard that should be above reproach (1 Tim 3:2). Other students will be looking to you as an example and being a part of the team means that your actions will reflect on the team and the ministry. This means you should pay specific attention to the follow areas of conduct:

- Drug use/alcohol consumption
- Language/profanity/obscene talk/gossiping
- Inappropriate or suggestive social media posts
- Crossing physical boundaries with opposite sex (boyfriend/girlfriend)
- Disrespect of authority (in school, home, or church)
- Consistently causing dissension in the community

Failure to meet these standards may prevent eligibility for the SLT. Members of the team are accountable to one another, so any team member that sees another team member breaking the covenant is required to report them to the High School Minister ASAP. There is a difference when a SLT member approaches a staff member to talk about areas they may be struggling verses someone who confesses when they are “caught.” Please keep constant dialogue so that we can operate in a spirit of grace when making decisions regarding the position of a SLT member who may have broken conduct guidelines.

## **Next Steps**

1. Pray about this decision and discuss it with your parents. We require your parents or guardian to sign the application stating they believe you are capable and ready for leadership.
2. Complete the application. Write clearly with blue or black ink and return your completed application to the High School Minister or the Student Ministry Assistant.
3. We will then reach out to schedule an interview with you, most likely in June/July.
4. After your interview, we will notify you as to whether or not you have been approved.

# Student Leadership Team Application

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**Instructions:**

1. Please answer the following questions clearly using blue or black ink.
2. Submit completed applications to the High School Minister or the Student Ministry Assistant.

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Parents Email \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you attended FBP? \_\_\_\_\_

How often do you attend? (Please circle one)

A couple times a week    At least once a week    Roughly every other week    Once a month

**Briefly answer the following questions:**

1) When did you accept Christ? Have you been baptized?

2) Please, in your own words, explain the Gospel.

3) What is your relationship with God like on a 1-10 scale? Explain.

4) List any extracurricular activities you participate in, including clubs, sports, church, etc.

5) Is there anything that would hinder you from consistently meeting SLT requirements?

6) Have you carefully read and reviewed the requirements to be on this team as well as the conduct policy?

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**Questions on Conduct:**

In the last 12 months have you drank alcohol? If so, please explain when and how frequent.

In the last 12 months have you done drugs? If so, please explain when and how frequent.

Do you think you represent Christ well at school?

Is there anything about your behavior that you are worried might make people question your integrity and the integrity of the ministry?

On a scale of 1-10, how confident are you that you can uphold the conduct policies listed above?

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**I have read through the requirements and commitments listed above and I am submitting my application for the 2023-2024 FBP High School Ministry's Student Leadership Team. I also affirm that everything I wrote above is true and that if I am accepted to this team and I begin to struggle with either my attendance or conduct I will commit to informing the High School Minister.**

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_