2015 PEER LEADER APPLICATION

DEADLINE TO APPLY: January 23, 2015

GENERAL INFORMATION

The following characteristics are required of individuals applying to be a Peer Leader during the 2015 Shelton Leadership Challenge @ ECU:

- Must have previously attended the Shelton Leadership Challenge
- Must be going into at least the 11th grade
- Must have an unweighted grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher

The 2015 Shelton Leadership Challenge @ ECU will be July 12-17th, with staff training in April/May (TBD) and on July 11th. If selected for a Peer Leader position, both staff training sessions will be required. The date for the required selection day session will be posted in December.

If accepted, a fee of $250 is required to attend the Shelton Leadership Challenge @ ECU as a Peer Leader.

RESPONSIBILITIES/EXPECTATIONS

- Participate in two staff training sessions prior to the summer program
- Model the five cornerstones of the program (Honesty, Integrity, Compassion, Diversity, and Social Responsibility)
- Interact with and manage assigned team for the week
- Ensure that the curriculum is followed, in order to maximize the learning experience for those involved
- Serve as a resource for student leaders by answering questions and helping them process their daily responsibilities
- Assist all other staff in completing daily responsibilities, such as assisting the youth Team Leader of the Day, communicating with the Coordinator / Facilitator, and assisting with communications across teams
- Coach and advise students who are leading their team, while maintaining an observation-only presence and not interfering with learning experiences and problem solving opportunities
APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name: ____________________________________________________________
Last Name: _____________________________________________________________
Home Address: __________________________________________________________
City: ____________________ State: __________ Zip Code: ________________
Home Phone Number: __________________________ Cell Phone Number: __________
Email Address: _________________________________________________________
School Name: __________________________________________________________
School Address: _________________________________________________________
School Phone Number: _________________________________________________
Current Year in School: _________________________________________________
Current GPA (unweighted): ______________________________________________
T-shirt size: __________________________

REFERENCES

Please list two individuals who you have asked to complete a reference form recommending you to serve as a Peer Leader for the 2015 Shelton Leadership Challenge @ ECU. Additional information regarding reference forms can be found at the end of the application.

Reference Name #1: ______________________________________________________
Relationship to Applicant: ______________________ Phone Number: ______________
Address: __________________________________________________________________
Email Address: __________________________________________________________

Reference Name #2: ______________________________________________________
Relationship to Applicant: ______________________ Phone Number: ______________
Address: __________________________________________________________________
Email Address: __________________________________________________________

STUDENT STATUS

What is your current status as a student? (Please check one)

Homeschooled __________
Attending a Public School __________
Attending a Private School __________
Attending a Charter School __________
Please answer questions 1-10 on a separate sheet of paper.

(1) Using your previous experience from the Shelton Leadership Challenge, please describe what leadership means to you.

(2) Do you believe there are differences between leading and learning skills / characteristics about leadership? Please explain and describe how your opinion may influence your role as a Peer Leader.

(3) How would you describe an effective team? What qualities will you bring to the team?

(4) The Shelton Leadership Challenge is grounded in five cornerstones (Honesty, Integrity, Diversity, Compassion, and Social Responsibility). Please describe how the Peer Leader role may influence the attendees' development in these cornerstones.

(5) What experiences or knowledge do you believe you will bring to the Peer Leader role that other applicants may not?

(6) What school / community activities or organizations are you currently involved in, and how has your experience with the Shelton Leadership Challenge impacted your participation in these organizations?

(7) If provided with the opportunity to serve as a Peer Leader, please describe three things you hope to gain from the experience.

(8) Please describe a time when you used something from the Shelton curriculum in a leadership position. Some examples include: situational leadership, public speaking, utilization of the five leadership practices, and motivating others as a leader.

(9) If you had to compare yourself to an animal, which animal would you choose? How does this animal represent you?

(10) If you are applying as a returning staff member, what previous experience will assist in your continued development as a leader and to the development of your new team? (If you are not a returning staff member, please disregard this question.)
IMPORTANT - BACKGROUND RELEASE

I authorize personnel from the Office of Innovation and Economic Development to process a background check on my personal information. I understand that by agreeing to this, personal information may be disclosed to OIED personnel. If selected to serve on staff, I may be asked to complete a background check form that will be submitted to East Carolina University’s Human Resource Services.

Do you agree to the statement above requesting that you provide the appropriate information and complete a background check? (Please check one)

Yes: _______  No: _______

Please sign below to authorize your background release choice.

________________________________________
Signature  Date

A selection process will be mandatory for applicants who meet the requirements for the Peer Leader role and are invited for further review. More information regarding the selection process will be provided via email once your application has been submitted and reviewed.

Reference Forms:

Your application is NOT complete until reference forms have been submitted by the references listed in your application. Reference forms can be found at www.ecu.edu/sheltonleadership

Return Application by January 23, 2015 to:

East Carolina University; OIED; Attn: ECU Shelton Leadership Challenge
300 East First Street; Willis Building; Greenville, NC 27858

You may also submit your application via email to sheltonchallenge@ecu.edu or fax to: (252) 737-1381

Please contact us with any questions at (252) 737-1349 or email at sheltonchallenge@ecu.edu

If you are a person with a disability or other personal need and desire assistive devices, services, or other accommodations to participate in this program, please contact OIED to discuss accommodations at least two weeks prior to the event.