



THE YOUTH
WAREHOUSE

STUDENT LEADERSHIP APPLICATION

"I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received."

-Ephesians 4:1

THE YOUTH WAREHOUSE VISION

Leading teenagers to Jesus by creating an environment where everyone is welcome

THE YOUTH WAREHOUSE STRATEGY

Our ministry exists to

REACH non-believing students, to

CONNECT them with other Christians, to help them

GROW in their faith, and to challenge the growing to

DISCOVER their ministry and

HONOR God with their life.

Why Student Leaders Exist

A Student Leader exists to set the example for other students. They also are set of eyes on the inside, helping give feedback to the key leaders and pastors. A Student Leader plays a big role in helping the flow of Friday and Wednesday nights, while being an extra set of hands to the adult leaders.

The Win

- Student Leaders win when they lead by example
 - From worship, serving on a team, to games, and everything in between.
- Student Leaders win when they help run and lead the team they are on.
- Student Leaders win when they are Christ-like to another student.

Personal Responsibilities:

1. **Have a growing personal relationship with Jesus.** This is the most important thing in ministry.
2. **Maintain God ordained priorities in your life** by putting God first, your boyfriend or girlfriend second, your family third and the serving at the Youth Warehouse fourth.
3. **Support the vision and staff of The Youth Warehouse** by Leading People To Jesus and always protect the unity of the church, by keeping it a place where everyone is welcome.
4. **Connect to a Small Group.**
5. **Invest and invite your schools** to know Jesus and come to The Youth Warehouse.

Primary Student Leader Responsibilities:

1. **Help Student Ministry Pastor(s)** and team create vision for the ministry
2. **Participate in Student Leader meetings** (monthly)
3. **Feed yourself by committing** to attending 3 - 4 Fridays or Wednesday nights a month.
4. **Lead by committing** to attending 1 - 2 Fridays or Wednesday nights a month.
5. **Be relational with the new teens on Friday night. Play games and talk with them during the free time. During the group games participate.**
6. **Encourage teens to check out a Sunday morning at church.**
7. **Serve on a Team.** Set the tone, join a team and give it your best!
8. **Follow the rules:** Enforcing these should come from a place of relationship and trust. They are not to hold something over them, but to help them grow.
 - The Youth Warehouse is not a date night- feel free to hang out, but not on
 - No pairs sneaking off behind dark corners, vans, etc

- We want you to be present with us when you are here.
 - This means:
 - No drugs/alcohol- we want the real you.
 - No phones/headphones during stage time, you can't engage if distracted
- Respect everything here
 - Each other
 - The students
 - The staff
 - Personal space, if someone doesn't want you close to them leave them alone
 - Each other- be nice.
 - Trash talking is not allowed.

LEADERSHIP IS A CHOICE, and it's one I hope you'll make. Leadership isn't another program to attend. Our student leadership team isn't just for a select few. It isn't just for the cute, fun, or popular. Leadership isn't about having an extroverted and outgoing personality. Being a leader is a personal commitment. The most meaningful commitments are tough to keep, but they are worth the effort because our priorities determine who we are, and who we are becoming. This brochure will help you understand the leadership commitment, and it's our goal that you'll reach for this high standard. I expect a lot from our leaders because this was the model Jesus taught for leadership. Interested? Good! Keep reading to find out more. I'm praying for you and hope that you choose to make commitment to serve.

Blessings,

Frank

A LEADER DOES MORE THAN JUST SHOW UP

Maybe you're thinking, "I come to every Youth Warehouse event and program, doesn't that make me a leader?" Not necessarily. It makes you a regular face around here, but a leader isn't just someone who shows up. A leader is committed to a different calling.

THE ESSENCE OF BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP

Jesus expected leaders to serve. Jesus gave his disciples an image of leadership that we use as our standard for student leadership:

*"Jesus called them [the disciples] together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. **Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave**--just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Matthew 20:25-28*

Jesus turned the world's understanding of leadership upside down. His teaching about leadership literally goes against everything we naturally assume about leading. Biblical leadership isn't about power or positions. It's not about control and glory.

Jesus calls his leaders to be servants and slaves of others. And this kind of leadership isn't popular or praised. Servant leadership is not attractive to most people. It goes in direct opposition to the attitude of running to the car and calling "SHOTGUN" to ride in the front seat.

It may not be popular, but The Youth Warehouse is looking for servant leaders.

THE SERVANT LEADER COMMITMENT

If you join the student leadership team, you'll need to sign the servant leader commitment.

FAITH In Jesus

☐ I acknowledge the Lordship of Jesus Christ in my life and have a personal relationship with him.

CONNECTED with other believers

☐ I am committing to spiritual growth through involvement with an Area Bible Study Small Group.

GROWING to be like Jesus

☐ I am committing to personal spiritual growth through the H.A.B.I.T.S.

of:

- consistent quiet times (HANG TIME WITH GOD)
- accountability with another believer (ACCOUNTABILITY WITH ANOTHER BELIEVER)
- memorization of scripture (BIBLE MEMORIZATION)
- involved with church body (attending adult services periodically)
- giving back to God (TITHING COMMITMENT)
- personal Bible Study (STUDY SCRIPTURE)

☐ I am committed to attending Growth Track within the first year as a leader.

DISCOVERING my ministry

☐ I am committing to serving because of Jesus by serving or leading a ministry team.

REACHING my unbelieving friends

☐ I am committing to bringing my friends to weekend service.

HONORING God

☐ I am committing to consistent attendance to the weekend service and to greet other students in order to create a warm environment.

☐ I am committing to choices, a lifestyle, and attitudes that are godly, knowing that my leadership is a model for other students.

LEADERSHIP 101

- ☐ I am committing to attend a non-negotiable, monthly Student Leadership meeting.
- ☐ I am committing to greet other students at all the programs I attend.
- ☐ I am committing to understanding the purpose statement and I am committing to memorize it.
- ☐ I am committing to understanding the maturity process and I am committing to memorize it.

HIGH REQUIREMENTS HAVE HIGH REWARDS

We're asking a lot from student leaders and because of this, we realize leadership isn't for everyone. Many people won't want to rise to the high level of commitment we are expecting. Others might not have enough time to commit to attending both a Weekend Service and a Small Group.

If student leadership isn't for you, don't worry about it.

Not being involved in Student Leadership isn't necessarily a measure of your spiritual maturity. We are committed to you and want to help you continue to grow spiritually regardless of your involvement with leadership.

Although we're asking for a considerable commitment from our student leaders, there are also benefits. Student Leadership has high requirements, but it also has high rewards. Part of the high reward student leaders receive is more intense and personal time with the staff. We want to invest in the lives of our leaders. In addition to this, you'll have opportunities for training and service that will only be available to student leaders. Finally, as a member of the student leadership team, you'll be connected to an outstanding community of believers who strive to put God first and serve. This community can be a powerful resource for laughter, encouragement, support and being challenged in your faith.

HOW TO BECOME A STUDENT LEADER

1. Prayerfully consider all the student leader commitments
2. Talk with your family and evaluate the commitments
3. Type your answers to the questions below
4. Turn in your answers and schedule an interview with Frank or Gavin

SERVANT LEADER APPLICATION

Please type your answers to all of the following questions and send them to frank@penningtonag.com and gavin@penningtonag.com.

Please restate the question in each answer.

1. What's your name (First/ Last)?
2. What's your Phone Number?
3. What's your story? How did you come to know God?
4. Why do you want to be in Student Leadership?
5. What does your spiritual life look like right now?
6. How would your friends describe your relationship with God?
7. How would your parents describe your relationship with God?
8. How has being in a small group helped your faith? If you've never been in a small group, what do you hope to get out of it?
9. Have you led a friend to follow Jesus? How has that impacted your life?
10. Talk about how you grow spiritually on your own. Explain and comment on your use of the following:
Bible Reading, Prayer, Journaling, Small Group Engagement,
Giving to Speed The Light, Serving.
11. If you are currently serving in a ministry team, tell us how this has made a personal impact in your life.