

Student Leader Information Sheet (BM NEXTGEN)

So, you want to be on the Student Leadership Team...

We are excited about your interest in being a part of the student leadership team. The following is to help answer some of the questions you may be asking. If some of your questions are not answered, don't hesitate to contact Pastor Albert at 949-633-0314.

How do I get in?

1. You must fill out an application.
2. You must interview with the youth leader.

What is expected of a student leader?

A student leader is expected to live a life that models what it means to follow after Christ, in other words, a "no doubt" lifestyle: there is **no doubt** you are a disciple of Jesus Christ. We ask leaders to model our vision and purposes. Each Core student leader is expected to live out and model God's purposes for us.

Student leadership attendance requirements.

Since leadership involves modeling behavior for others, we ask for consistent on-time attendance at the following:

1. All weekly church services and Friday bible studies/gatherings.
2. Student Leadership Meeting once a month.

What are the benefits of the being on the Student Leadership Team.

1. Learn leadership skills that will benefit you throughout your life.
2. Get to spend extra time with adult leaders who are devoted to helping you succeed.
3. See God use you to further his kingdom.
4. Know you had a large part in helping youth ministries grow.
5. Grow closer to God and the group.

Can someone get kicked off of the student leadership team?

No, but a member of this team can make the choice to leave. We follow a "three strikes, you're out" rule:

1. General warning is given.
2. Adult leader meets with student leadership team member.
3. Youth pastor meets with student leadership team member, and if problem is not resolved, student leader chooses to leave student leadership team.

Student Leadership

God's Word tells us leaders are to live by a higher standard. Often people mistake leadership as a position, a title, or a place where one can be popular and powerful. This isn't true leadership; true servant leadership is using your influence to serve others. The student leadership team is for teenagers who are willing to do what it takes to rise to a higher standard to be key influencers in extending the kingdom of God.

Standards of the Student Leadership Team

1. **Leaders lead by example.** It is impossible to lead without consistent attendance and participation. We ask that all student leaders be present at the following:
 - A. All weekly church services and Friday bible studies/gatherings.
 - B. Student Leadership Meeting once a month.
 - C. Other youth ministry events. Examples include retreats and service projects.

** We realize that because of time demands and schedules, there will be times that someone has to miss some things. We only ask for COMMUNICATION IN ADVANCE.

2. **A student leader must model a servant attitude.** Mark 10:45 says, “The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others” (NLT). Serving others is the focus rather than pride, ego, and boasting.
3. **Student leaders must have a personal relationship with Christ** and are expected to have a regular time alone with God in prayer and reading God’s Word.
4. **A student leader must be active in a ministry team.** For example, media team, worship team, welcome team, etc. We encourage you to start a new ministry if God leads you to do so.
5. **A student leader is expected to live out Ephesians 4:29**, “Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen” (NIV). Student leaders are to be positive and encouraging. If there is a problem among the group, students are expected to talk with the leader about it, not other students. Student leaders are expected to support the adult leadership team.
6. **A student leader is expected to be a facilitator** to help connect new students in the group. This means keeping an eye out for new students, talking and sitting with them, and introducing them to others.
7. **We request that obvious Christian convictions and standards be upheld.** We especially call attention to the following:
 - A. We request that all student leaders dress modestly and appropriately at all services and youth ministry activities. In order to uphold a high standard and not distract from our main purpose, we ask that leadership students refrain from wearing short shorts, mini-skirts, spaghetti straps, mid-drift shirts, or extremely tight or low-cut clothing while at any church activities.
 - B. Because dating can be such a trouble area that Satan uses to pull down students, we ask the following:
 1. In keeping with Scripture, no student leader should date a non-Christian.
 2. Before any relationship, we ask that each student leader sit down with their adult leader and answer these three questions.

- a. Is this person a Christian?
- b. Could I see myself marrying this person?
- c. Does this person push me closer to God?

** Please understand these standards are not intended to be legalistic but are for your benefit to help you avoid the traps Satan often sets in this area.

8. **A student leader must live by a HIGHER STANDARD.** The Bible commands us to “abstain from even the appearance of evil” (1 Thess 5:22 KJV). Those in leadership should have a godly hatred of sin and should be willing to walk away from anything that might have the appearance of evil. Students are expected to avoid alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Students are also expected to not allow themselves to be places that could appear to be a hindrance to their witness.

Student Leader Application (BM NEXTGEN)

Application for BM NEXTGEN Student Leadership Team

Name _____ Today's Date _____
Address _____
City _____ State/Zip _____
Phone (Day) _____ Phone (Night) _____
E-mail _____

How long have you been a Christian? (When did you accept Christ?)

Have you been baptized? If yes, when?

How long have you been attending this church?

Why do you want to be a part of the student leadership team?

Student Leadership Team Commitments:

- I agree to grow and mature in my relationship with God through personal times of reading my Bible, praying and scripture memory.
- I agree to a personal growth plan (working with my Youth Pastor).
- I understand and agree to submit to all the Standards of the SLT.
- I agree to serve in a ministry, using my gifts and abilities to further the kingdom of God.
- I commit to be on time to all church services. If for any reason I am unable to attend any service, I agree to call and let the youth office know ahead of time.
- I understand and have memorized our Youth Ministries core values, purposes, mission/vision.
- I agree to hold other SLT members accountable to the standards and guidelines set forth in this application.
- I understand and agree to attend and be on time to all SLT meetings.
- I understand and agree to the "three strikes, you're out" rule.
- I agree to go on the summer/winter trip/retreats for our youth ministries if there is one to the best of my ability

List some things that you are good at and enjoy doing?

What are your strongest abilities?

Name one area in your life in which you would most like to grow in this year?

I have read, understand, and commit to all the above standards and guidelines. I realize that student leadership is a one-year commitment.

Signature _____

Date _____

Dear Parent(s),

Your student has applied to be in the Student Leadership Team.

What does that mean? It means your student desires to make a high commitment to be a key student leader. We are pro-family and want you to know we are very concerned about the family life of our student leaders. We don't want to have them out every night away from their family.

What are the time commitments? We are asking students to attend Sunday services and youth ministry services and activities. We are also asking them to attend one student leadership team meeting a month. We are also asking the Core student leaders to be a part of a ministry team in the youth ministry.

What you can expect from us:

1. We will **model** Christian leadership for your kids.
2. We will **mentor** them in their leadership development.
3. We will **monitor** their growth as student leaders.
4. We will **motivate** them through encouragement and feedback.
5. We will encourage them to **multiply** by sharing their giftedness with others.

Please talk with your child and make sure that you can support the commitments we are asking for.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at 949-633-0314 or e-mail at albert@bmnxtgen.org

In Christ,

Pastor Albert Lim