

Student Mission Leadership 12 – Application

Dear Prospective Student Missions Leader,

I am thrilled that you are interested in applying for the position of Student Leader on our Guatemala Adventure. It is a very important position. As this position is only open to students that have previously attended this one month trip with RCOA, you are probably aware of many of the duties that the Student Leader in your trip was carrying out.

Please read over the outline below. If you are still interested, then I would like to invite you to write me (Mr Langley) a one page letter outlining why you believe you would make a great student leader. Share about the strengths that you have and how they can be used to support the students and the adult supervisors. Share what God has placed on your heart. Please email me your one page submission and title it **“Student Mission Leadership 12 Application – Guatemala 2018.”**

This is actually a grade 12 course. I just wanted you to be aware of all the components of this course, called Missions Leadership 12. This is a grade 12 level course worth 4 credits, so we will be expecting all your submissions to be well thought out and presented neatly and thoroughly. The idea is to have everything done by the time you leave Guatemala but you will have to begin right away with some aspects of the preparation.

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- **Read the Course Synopsis and Course Rationale on the first page. This will give you a good, overall idea of what will be expected. Although there is some hand – in work that needs to be of high quality, much of the work is putting into practice the knowledge that you have gained from your previous mission trips, especially the Guatemala trip.**
 - ✓ You’ll have two mentors for this course, myself and a representative from Mission Impact (provided later). Trevor Haug will also be a great resource for you. You can email us anytime, or chat, as well.
 - ✓ Mark Langley mlangley@rcoa.ca
 - ✓ Trevor Haug thaug@rcoa.ca
- You’ll notice that the course is broken up into 7 units linked with Learning Outcomes. The first three will mostly be accomplished before the trip, including the reading of John Maxwell’s excellent book, *The 21 Essential Qualities of an Effective Leader*. I will be sending you a few articles about Missions Trips, etc to supplement the book, along with some questions. Out of your reading, I will then expect you to write a *“rationale statement”* (section 2 of Vision). This will need to be typed, and at least a page in length. Your short essay should give evidence of your reading. You should even quote some of the authors that you are reading.
- Next, I want you to tackle the Planning stage. Answer the question, “What should the students be doing to prepare and get ready for this trip?” Once accomplished, you’ll actually get to assist the other students in their preparations.
- The third area, Communication, will be mostly through email, phone and Face Book. You are already doing a lot of this, right? This is how you will communicate with your fellow students to check on their progress, and the adult supervisors who will be asking you about different aspects of planning the trip, so be prepared for a few emails and please answer promptly.

- Basically the rest will be accomplished in Guatemala, where your leadership in devotions, worship, community, and work projects will be expected. You should prepare a “few devotional thoughts” to share with the students
- You’ll be keeping a log while in Guatemala that will be turned in.
- Check out the Course requirements and make sure you understand the importance of the Major Assignment. That will be critical. You will be given some computer time to accomplish these tasks while in Guatemala.

All the best. If you don’t understand something, it is up to you to be proactive and ask questions, OK?

Blessings

Mr Langley