



Student Leader Call To Action

GiftsToGive - Student Leadership Council

We invite you to apply to participate in an engaging and meaningful community service program that:

- Demonstrates civic engagement and social entrepreneurship
- Encourages leadership skills development through “project management” opportunities
- Promotes teamwork, collaboration and creative problem-solving
- Connects you directly with social service and community agencies and social groups
- Offers direct mentoring with seasoned non-profit and corporate professionals
- Offers opportunity for hands-on work in warehouse operations, logistics, management, marketing, communications, community organizing and product procurement and distribution
- Introduces you to the real world of non-profit and for-profit businesses
- Enables you to be directly involved in helping thousands of kids

Program course:

1. Plan and run a real product drive in your community, neighborhood or school
 - a. We will provide suggestions and a framework. Students will work in teams.
 - b. Staff will individually mentor each student in writing and submitting their own press releases, developing a schedule, recruiting assistance, creating flyers, posters and other publicity.
2. Arrange to deliver the product to the GiftsToGive New Bedford Mill
 - a. Make a plan and execute it. We can provide a truck and driver if necessary.
3. Process the product within the mill
 - a. This can be a collaborative project with other SLC members.
4. Interact with one GiftsToGive Distribution Partner; choose one of two options:
 - a. Research, visit and propose one new Distribution Partner. Make presentation of case to GtG staff
OR
 - b. Design and implement a special project with a current Distribution Partner
5. Work for a minimum of 6, 4-hour days at the mill; work may include some weekend time.
 - a. Processing donations, helping with product drives and special projects.
 - b. The 6 half-days must be worked during the school year.
 - c. Each student will meet with a senior staffer to map out and commit to their work schedule.
6. Final evaluation of Leadership Portfolio

Meet with mentors to review internship. Written evaluation may be suitable for inclusion in resume, college application portfolio.

Responsibility and Recognition:

Based on performance, outstanding SLC members will be invited to participate as Project Leaders at GiftsToGive community events.

Students successfully completing our Student Leadership course and internship will:

- Receive official designation as a Student Leadership Council Charter Member
- Be honored at a reception for families and GiftsToGive stakeholders for your work
- Become eligible for continuing leadership roles at GiftsToGive, such as
 - Recruiting and/or training incoming SLC members throughout the year
 - Peer mentoring
 - Serving as GiftsToGive ambassadors at special public functions
 - Giving mill tours to visiting dignitaries
- Have a personalized press release sent to media
- Receive a letter of commendation and certificate for resume and portfolio
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How to Apply:

Requirements:

- Applicant must be a middle or high school student.
- Completed SLC Application form
- Two letters of recommendation from: a teacher and an unrelated adult using GiftsToGive form
- Signed statement of Parent/Guardian Support
- Personal interview
- Written personal statement "What I Can Bring to GiftsToGive", 1 page or less
- Upon acceptance, sign a contract specifying time commitment, conduct, and deliverables

Your package must contain the following or it will be returned:

Packet must be received at the Cove Street Mill in New Bedford. In order to be considered, packet MUST contain:

1. SLC Application Form
2. Two completed recommendation forms (in sealed envelopes)
3. Parent/Guardian Statement of Support
4. Student's Personal Statement
5. Any other supplemental information, resume, that you wish to submit

Important Things:

- A limited number of students will be chosen.
- Student Leadership Council Internships will begin November 1st and run through May 31.
- The Recognition Celebration will occur in May at our Spring Gala; attendance is expected. Families, GiftsToGive Advisory Board, and dignitaries will be invited.

Send or Deliver to:

GiftsToGive
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New Bedford, MA 02744