



Student Leader Call To Action

GiftsToGive™ Student Leader Internship Program (SLIP)

We invite you to apply to participate in an engaging, meaningful service-based internship 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.
 - 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™ SouthCoast Repurposing Center.
 - 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 Student Leader Interns.
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 at the mill; after-school hours, breaks and vacations, including Saturdays.
 - a. Processing donations, helping with product drives and special projects.
 - b. Each student will meet with a senior staffer to map out and commit to their work schedule.
6. Final evaluation of Student Leadership Portfolio
Meet with mentors to review internship. Written evaluation may be suitable for inclusion in resumes and higher education applications.

Responsibility and Recognition:

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

Students successfully completing our Student Leadership Internship Program will:

- Receive official designation as a Student Leader and GtG Staff Member
- Be honored at a major event for community and GiftsToGive stakeholders for your work
- Become eligible for continuing leadership roles at GiftsToGive, such as
 - Recruiting and/or training incoming SLIP members throughout the year
 - Peer mentoring
 - Serving as GiftsToGive™ ambassadors at special public functions
 - Giving mill tours to visiting funders, dignitaries and groups.
- Have a personalized press release sent to media
- Receive a letter of commendation and certificate for resume and portfolio

How to Apply:

Requirements:

- Applicant must be a middle, high school or college student.
- Completed SLIP Application form
- Two letters of recommendation from: a teacher and/or unrelated adult/s using GiftsToGive™ form
- Signed statement of Parent/Guardian Support
- Personal interview
- Written personal statement "What I Can Bring to GiftsToGive", one 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. SLIP 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 that you wish to submit

Important Things:

- A limited number of students will be chosen.
- Student Leadership Internships are available throughout the year.
- A Recognition Celebration will occur in January at our annual MLK Day of Service Event; attendance is expected. Families, GiftsToGive™ Board members, and dignitaries will be invited.

Send or Deliver to:

James Stevens
GiftsToGive™
21 Cove Street Mill
New Bedford, MA 02744



Student Leader Internship Program (SLIP) Application

The Application Packet must contain:

- This completed application form
- Two Recommendation forms from non-relatives, each in a sealed envelope, signed across the sealed flap
- Parent Support Statement
- Personal Statement, one page or less, typed in 12 point font, *"What I Bring to GiftsToGive"*
- Resume and any supporting documents, if available

Mail via US Postal Service or drop off at: GiftsToGive, 21 Cove Street Mill New Bedford, MA 02744.

Only complete Application Packets will be considered.

Last name		First Name		Initial	
Your grade as of September:		__M __F		Social Security number	
Home address			City		State
Home telephone number			Mobile telephone number		
Email address				Date of birth	
Will you require workplace accommodations to perform your volunteer duties? ___ Yes ___ No If yes, specify:			Any allergies, health conditions or disabilities which may interfere with your ability to perform volunteer work? ___ Yes ___ No If yes, specify:		
List all previous volunteer work or service organizations you have been involved with:					
Parent/Guardian			Parent/Guardian Home Phone		
Home address			City		State
School			Guidance Counselor/Student Advisor		

Year of graduation	School telephone number		
School mailing address	City	State	Zip

Self assessment (circle the number) -	(1=poor, 5=excellent)					+	comments
Punctuality	1	2	3	4	5		_____
Appearance / grooming	1	2	3	4	5		_____
Sense of responsibility	1	2	3	4	5		_____
Ability to grasp tasks	1	2	3	4	5		_____
Leadership	1	2	3	4	5		_____
Teamwork	1	2	3	4	5		_____
Ability to work alone	1	2	3	4	5		_____
Attitude	1	2	3	4	5		_____
Department / Manners	1	2	3	4	5		_____
Ability to represent organization	1	2	3	4	5		_____
Overall leadership assessment	1	2	3	4	5		_____

I feel my strengths are: _____

Skills I would like to learn at *GiftsToGive*: _____

What is 'One Thing' you'd like to change in the world? _____

Signed: _____ Date _____



Student Leader Internship Program (SLIP) Recommendation

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GiftsToGive Student Leadership Interns are a highly selective group of student leaders who work at the mill, hold product drives, become volunteer, part-time staff/management and represent GiftsToGive™ to the greater community.

Applicants must submit a minimum of two recommendations from non-relatives who have worked with the student, and who can speak for their character, ability, work ethic, and commitment to community service.

**Please complete this confidential assessment; place in a sealed envelope; sign across the sealed flap.
Return to the Applicant for inclusion in his/her Application Package.
Only complete Application Packages will be considered.**

FOR: _____
Last name First Name Middle Initial

Grade as of September: _____ I have known this student for: _____ years

My relationship to this student is as a: _____

Please assess the student in the following areas: **(1=poor, 5=excellent)**

	1	2	3	4	5	Comments
Punctuality						_____
Appearance / grooming						_____
Sense of responsibility						_____
Ability to grasp tasks						_____
Leadership						_____
Teamwork						_____
Ability to work alone						_____
Attitude						_____
Deportment/Manners						_____
Ability to represent organization						_____
Overall leadership assessment						_____

Strengths of this student:

Areas that this student might need support and/or guidance:

How can the Student Leadership Intern Program best utilize this student's time and talent?

Does this student have any particular skills, ability, or experience that would be good to know?

Please tell a story or describe a situation that will help us know this student.

Other comments:

I feel this student would be an excellent candidate for the GiftsToGive Student Internship Program:

Signed: _____ Date _____

Please print name

Best phone number to reach you

Your eMail address



Student Leader Internship Program (SLIP) Statement of Parental/Guardian Support

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In addition to this *Statement of Support*, applicants must submit a minimum of two recommendations from non-relatives who know the student, and can speak for their character, ability, work ethic, and commitment to family and community.

**Please complete this form and include in student's Application Package.
Only complete Application Packages will be considered.**

STUDENT _____
Last name First Name

My relationship to this student is: _____

I support this student's participation in your Student Leadership Internship Program (SLIP).

I commit to the following: (please initial each commitment)

_____ I will support and facilitate this student's participation in his/her community service objectives.
(Initial)

_____ I acknowledge and support that some of these service days may be, by necessity, on weekends.
(Initial)

_____ I will support helping this student solve transportation and time management challenges responsibly.
(Initial)

Signature Date

Please print name

Best telephone number eMail address