Chi Alpha Student Leadership Application

We appreciate your involvement in Chi Alpha and your interest in serving in a leadership role in the ministry. This application is designed so you can:

- Describe your relationship with God,
- Share your experience in Chi Alpha and church, and,
- Discuss your concept of leadership and availability to serve.
- 1. What is your first/last name?

Chi Alpha is a national Christian ministry affiliated with the Assemblies of God U.S.A. We are made up of both national bodies and local student groups, that share a common vision, mission, and set of core Christian beliefs. To maintain our Christian witness, we need leaders who embrace our vision, mission, values, and beliefs in both their word and their actions. Please take a moment, click on the link below, and review our organizational statements.

Chi Alpha Vision, Mission, Core Values, and Core Beliefs (see attached pages)

2. Can you affirm Chi Alpha's vision, mission, and core beliefs? Please comment.

Your Relationship with God

- 3. How long have you been a committed and active follower of Jesus?
- 4. In your own words, what does it mean to be a committed and active follower of Jesus?
- 5. Describe your personal devotional life in terms of consistency, content, and average amount of time. Please include something Jesus has been talking to you about or an area of recent personal growth.
- 6. How much of the Bible have you not read (please be specific)?
- 7. How does personal evangelism find expression in your life?

- 8. Have you been water baptized? If so, when?
- 9. Describe what the work of the Holy Spirit looks like in your life? What does it mean to you to be "Spirit-Filled"?

Your Experience in Chi Alpha and Church

- 10. Describe the depth of your involvement in Chi Alpha, including how long you've been involved.
- 11. Describe how God has used Chi Alpha in your life.
- 12. How comfortable are you inviting your friends to Chi Alpha activities and small groups? Share the story of someone you invited in the past year.
- 13. Describe your church background prior to college.
- 14. What local church do you presently attend?

Leadership and Availability

- 15. What does it mean to be a Christian leader?
- 16. What has motivated you to seek a ministry leadership role with Chi Alpha?

17. What are two of your character qualities that you think will help you be a successful ministry leader?

18. What are two of your character qualities that you think will make leading a challenge?

19. To your knowledge, would anyone object to you being a leader? If so, why?

20. How many hours a week can you devote to serving as a ministry leader?

21. Are there other campus or community clubs/organizations in which you are involved? Do you have any specific responsibilities with these groups?

22. Will you have a part- or full-time job next term? If so, where and how many hours will you work a week?

23. Are you involved in a committed dating relationship? If so, do you see it compromising your commitment and availability to serve in leadership?

Just the Facts

- 24. Which social media networks do you actively use? Please provide links/social media handles to each platform you use.
- 25. What is your cell phone number?
- 26. What is your email address?

27. What is your current year in school?

28. What is your major/minor?

29. What is your cumulative GPA?

30. Who is your current small group leader?

Finally

31. What questions do you have about Chi Alpha and/or our core beliefs?

Chi Alpha Vision, Mission, Core Values & Core Beliefs

Vision Statement

We are a Spirit-Empowered, diverse community of believers on university campuses, declaring in word and lifestyle our faith in Jesus Christ, equipped to fulfill our purpose in God's global plan.

Mission Statement

We reconcile students to Christ, equipping them through Spirit-Filled communities of prayer, worship, fellowship, discipleship, and mission to transform the university, the marketplace, and the world.

Core Values

Community, Creativity, Diversity, Excellence, Integrity, and Servant-Leadership.

Core Beliefs

- 1. We believe the Bible is God's message to us, so we seek to understand and obey its truth.
- 2. We believe there is one God who is three persons, so we yearn to know Him in all of His complexity and beauty.
- 3. We believe Jesus is fully God and fully human, so we rejoice that Christ can be a bridge between us and God.
- 4. We believe people throughout history have sinned against God, so we are deeply aware that we too are marked by willful disobedience.
- 5. We believe God extends forgiveness to us through Christ, so we repent and rejoice in our forgiveness.
- 6. We believe God offers freedom from sin's grasp, so we live lives that are pleasing to God.
- 7. We believe followers of Jesus must be empowered by the Holy Spirit, so we expect supernatural power in our daily lives.
- 8. We believe that God can heal both the body and the heart, so we pray with faith and hope.
- 9. We believe a mark of surrender to the Holy Spirit is speaking in tongues, so we pray that God would grant us this supernatural gift.
- 10. We believe in the Church, so we live in this community of faith, inviting others to join us.
- 11. We believe God gives leaders as gifts to His Church, so we serve those whom the Lord entrusts to us.
- 12. We believe God commands his followers to celebrate communion and baptism, so we practice these symbolic actions, reflecting on their significance.
- 13. We believe Jesus will return to claim His Church, so we live in expectancy of His coming.
- 14. We believe Christ will one day be seen clearly as King on earth, so we live as citizens of His Kingdom now.
- 15. We believe God is the ultimate Judge, so we live knowing that our choices will echo through eternity.
- 16. We believe we will live with God forever, so we live with hope regardless of our circumstances.

Chi Alpha Student Leadership Standards

The Student Leader's Commitment to God: Scripture clearly teaches us that those who are leaders in the body of Christ must live their lives by a careful standard. None of us are perfect; but we are all called to reflect the Lord Jesus as others follow us (1 Timothy 3:1-10). Paul's exhortation to Timothy to "not let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity" is especially applicable for the core facilitator (1 Timothy 4:12). You may notice we use the term "spiritual leader" instead of "core facilitator" in this section. These ethical standards are not something we just expect of core facilitators, the staff also lives by these same standards.

Growing relationship with God: As spiritual leaders, it is important for us to keep our personal relationships with God a priority. We will endeavor to nurture lives of prayer, Bible study, confession of sin, and openness to God.

Dating: As leaders in our community, it is important we model Biblically-informed dating relationships. This means we take dating seriously, as an exploration of a relationship that could result in God's vision of marriage between a man and a woman (Genesis 2:23-24) who share the same faith in Jesus (1 Corinthians 7:39, 2 Corinthians 6:14). Therefore, it is an expectation that leaders not date anyone who God forbids us to one day marry.

Sexual purity: We are fully aware that all of us deal with a variety of sexual temptations. God's Word is clear that temptation and desire are not sin (James 1:13-15, Hebrews 4:15) and, therefore, do not disqualify us from leadership among His people. We are, however, to avoid all forms of sexually immoral actions (1 Thessalonians 4:3-7). Sexual immorality covers any sexual behavior that runs counter to the Biblical expectation that sex is celebrated in the context of marriage between a man and a woman (Gen 2:23-24, Matthew 19:5-6), but forbidden in all other contexts (Hebrews 13:4, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11). This applies to our behavior as leaders regardless of sexual orientation and/or desires, and includes (but is not limited to) pornography, premarital sex, digital sexual communication, sexually stimulating touch, foreplay, casual sexual encounters, etc.

Alcohol: As believers, we have freedom to choose, within limits, what our relationship with alcohol will be. The limits we see Scripture creating for us are the following: excessive drinking is prohibited (Ephesians 5:18), the drinking age laws should be obeyed (Romans 13:1-2), and the weaker brother must be considered more important than our freedom (Romans 14).

Marijuana: CCF leadership observes that several principles within scripture oppose the use of mind altering substances, like marijuana: the call to present one's mind as a pure sacrifice (Luke 10:27), the call to be a people of sober mindedness/judgment (Luke 21:32-36, 1 Peter 4:1-7, Ephesians 5:17-18), and the call to be a set apart (holy) people in the perceptions and judgments of others (1 Cor. 10:31-11:1). In light of these principles, CCF leadership maintains that it is not within proper Christian conduct to smoke marijuana and requires those in leadership to abstain from using it.

Studies: We firmly believe that God has first and foremost called you here to be students. Therefore, classes, assignments and exams should be made a priority in the student leader's life with the attitude that it is the Lord Jesus who receives glory as the calling as students is fulfilled (Colossians 3:23). The basic, minimum GPA requirement is 2.5.

I have read and agree to abide by these commitments. I understand that I will disqualify myself as a leader in Chi Alpha by failing to uphold and consistently live out these leadership standards (In which case I will be expected to resign, or, according to club expectations and our club constitution, have my leadership brought to a vote by the other student leaders).

Name: ____

Date:

Nicholls State Chi Alpha Leader Expectations

Weekly

- Attend and be engaged in Resource/Supersource Group Meeting
- Lifegroup Bible Study
- Meet 1-on-1 with your F.A.T. People
- Meet 1-on-1 with your Resource Leader
- Attend XA Live and be actively involved there [greeting students, setting up, working table, etc.]
- Being with Lifegroup outside of Lifegroup Bible Study
- Being missional and purposeful in meeting new students
- Any special event or activity that we plan periodically [campus outreaches, service projects, etc.]

Annually

- Leadership Retreat held in summer before school starts
- Welcome Back/Fall/Spring Startup Events [Move-In Day, Welcome Back Day, Dorm Events, etc.]
- Fall Breakaway
- SALT Conference or World Mission Summit held over winter break
- End of semester celebrations [Christmas Party, Crawfish Boil, etc.]
- Attend Spring Break and/or Summer Mission Trip
- Attend Mardi Gras Outreach

Lifestyle

- Spend intentional time with Jesus daily[Bible reading, prayer, worship, meditation, etc.]
- Living above reproach in regards to the opposite gender [lifestyle that does not cause others to question the life of holiness and righteousness we proclaim and strive to live out]
- Living out the 6-8-10 Principle
 - O Is what I do beneficial for me spiritually, physically, emotionally, and mentally? 1 Corinthians 6:12
 - o Does what I do cause others to stumble or sin? 1 Corinthians 8:9-13
 - O Does what I do hurt the reputation of God or the body of Christ? 1 Corinthians 10:31

Encouraged but not mandatory

- Reading books that will foster spiritual growth
- International student conferences, i.e. Easter Excursion