

His House Christian Fellowship at FSU
Leadership Application
2015-2016

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this application and for your desire to lead a small group or service team. We ask that you have been committed to attending a small group for at least 1 semester before you become a leader. Applications can be turned into Joe or Baleigh at any time. At that time, we will set up an informal interview.

Please spend some time in prayer asking for God's blessing and guidance for you and His House's leadership.

Name _____

Year in School _____ Expected Graduation Date _____

Current Address _____

Summer Address _____

Fall Address _____

Cell Phone # _____ Email Address _____

Current Small Group Leader(s) _____

Please have your current leaders sign below to verify that you have talked to them about your interest to step up and lead with His House.

Their signatures verify that they have prayed about your decision to apply for this position and they believe that you are ready to step up and be a leader.

I'm interested in:

___ Leading a small group I would like to co-lead with: _____ (optional)

___ Leading a ministry team I would like to lead _____ team

1. Please describe your involvement with His House. Include any information regarding previous small groups, ministry areas, mission trip or other leadership experiences.
2. Describe your involvement with other student organizations, fellowships or churches. What related commitments do you have/anticipate for next semester?
3. Why do you want to lead a small group or ministry area?
4. How have you grow spiritually this year? What has helped you the most to grow in that way?
5. What is the best thing that you could see happening in a small group or ministry team that you were leading? (You have permission to dream here).
6. If a person were to ask you how to become a Christian, what would you say to them?
7. Have you been baptized? If so, please describe your baptism.

8. Using Scripture, briefly share your understanding of what the Bible teaches regarding baptism.

It is our desire that leaders at His House will have been baptized by immersion. If you have not yet done this, we encourage you to still apply, but would like for you to read and study more about baptism. If you have any questions about baptism or would like to be baptized, please contact one of the His House staff.

9. Knowing that there are several time commitments in leading a small group or ministry team (regular small groups or ministry team meetings, weekly preparation, one-on-one meetings, etc). Do you feel that you will have the time to commit to this? _____
Please explain your answer.

10. It is expected that leaders will make every effort to be involved in the weekly Wednesday and Sunday fellowship meetings, the statewide fall and winter retreats and leadership retreats and meetings throughout the semester. Fellowship meetings are Wednesday at 7:30p and Sundays at 11a. Habitually neglecting these functions or having a negative attitude towards them will mean you may be asked to step from your leadership position. Do you understand and agree to this? (circle one) Yes No

11. Please read the commitment that follows on the next page. Do you agree to this commitment and will you seek to live it out? _____

His House Christian Fellowship...My Commitment

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and having been baptized as a believer, I willingly commit myself to God and to this fellowship to do the following.

1. I will protect the unity of my fellowship

...by acting in love toward other members

...by refusing to gossip

...by following the leaders

- “Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart.” (1 Peter 1:22, NASB)
- “So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another.” (Romans 14:19, NASB)
- “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.” (Ephesians 4:29, NIV)
- “Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be no advantage to you.” (Heb. 13:17, NIV).

2. I will share the responsibility of my fellowship

...by praying for its growth

...by inviting seekers and unconnected believers to attend

...by warmly welcoming those who visit

- “We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers.” (1 Thessalonians 1:2, NIV)
- “Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full.’” (Luke 14:23, NIV)
- “So, warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified.” (Romans 15:7, LB)

3. I will serve the ministry of my fellowship

...by discovering my gifts and talents

...by being equipped to serve by my pastors

...by developing a servant’s heart

- “Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” (1 Peter 4:10, NIV)
- “[God] gave...some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.” (Ephesians 4:11-12, NIV)
- “Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: who...[took on] the very nature of a servant.” (Philippians 2:3-4, 7, NIV)

4. I will support the testimony of my fellowship

...by attending faithfully

...by living a godly life

...by giving regularly

- “Let us not give up meeting together...but let us encourage one another.” (Hebrews 10:25, NIV)
- “Whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the gospel of Christ.” (Philippians 1:27, NIV)
- “Each of you, on the first day of each week, should set aside a specific sum of money on proportion to what you have earned and use it for the offering.” (1 Corinthians 16:2, LB)

What is a small group?

A small group is a group of two or more people who intentionally gather together for the purpose of spiritual growth. It is a time for Bible study, service and prayer all in the context of a small loving community. Put simply, small groups are mini-fellowships. They are the places where we do the “one-anothers” of scripture.

- Be devoted to one another in brotherly love (Romans 12:10)
- Honor one another above yourselves (Romans 12:10)
- Accept one another (Romans 15:7)
- Instruct one another (Romans 15:14)
- Serve one another (Galatians 5:13)
- Bear one another’s burdens (Galatians 6:2)
- Submit to one another (Ephesians 5:21)
- Encourage one another (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

Why small groups?

As our Wednesday and Sunday gatherings have grown, it has become more difficult to practice these “one-anothers”. So, we have grown larger, it has become essential that we grow smaller as well. We don’t want His House to simply become big Wednesday and Sunday gatherings. Our goal is to develop a community of believers where each person can give and receive love; where you can know others and be known; where you can care and be cared for. That is why we began small group. Our goal is not that you would know everybody, but that you would know a few people well and that they would know you well and that together you could grow in your relationship with Christ.

We believe that the Christian life is best lived in the context of community. Isolation has killed the faith of many believers and, as you know, you can attend large meeting week after week and still be very alone. So, one of our core values as a fellowship is that radical life changes occur within the context of genuine relationships. ***But, we need YOU to make that happen.*** We are looking for some spiritually committed college students to set aside a block of time in their life to really pour into some other students. In turn, we will seek to pour into you and train you for the task.

We are not looking for perfect people, simply people who are willing to walk by faith and have a deep desire to invest in others. I have always learned more by teaching and I know that you will grow as you seek to teach scripture and lead a group. Please carefully consider this challenge. It will not be easy – nothing of any importance is – but it will stretch you and it will give you an opportunity to leave behind a legacy of faith in the kingdom of God while here at FSU.

Please consider the qualifications on this page and prayerfully complete the application. If you are apprehensive, that’s OK, God’s power is made perfect in our weakness. Take a step of faith and see what God will do.

Life Group/Ministry Area Leader Qualifications

Faithful (1 Timothy 4:12)

- Must be saved for at least one year and have been baptized as a believer
- Must exemplify a life separated from the love of the world and the things of the world
- Must be faithful to attend the fellowship and committed to a small group for at least one semester
- Must have sufficient understand of the basic doctrines of the Christian faith
- Must be loyal to the campus ministers and submitted to the leadership of the fellowship
- Must be faithful to attend Wednesday night and Sunday morning gatherings and leadership meetings
- Must be faithful in stewardship of time, talents and treasure
- Must be relatively free from bondage and destructive sin patterns

Available – Time Commitment (~9+ hours a week)

- Small group leaders meetings
- Praying for your group members (~1)
- Preparing for your small groups (~1.5) – phone calls, lesson prep, etc.
- Leading your small group (~1.5)

- Wednesday night gathering – His House (~1.5)
- Sunday Worship – His House (~1.5)
- Time with individual group members outside of the regular life group time (~1.5)

Teachable

- Must be open to the work of the Holy Spirit in your life
- Must be willing to work with an apprentice or co-leader
- Must be open to input from your campus ministers

I agree to the above conditions and will strive to serve Christ in every aspect of my life. I understand that failure to love a godly lifestyle may result in removal from my position.

Student signature

Date

Staff signature

Date

Please turn in completed applications to Baleigh or Joe. Thank you!