



Dear Teen Leader,

On behalf of the CSL TEEN CAMP Events program, we are excited to know you have interest in being elected an official Teen Leader for our movement. As our program changes and grows, so do the roles of its leaders, both teen and adult. We know that each year a deeper understanding of these roles emerges, and you are here to be part of that ongoing revelation.

Requirements. Below, you will find the general outline of requirements and duties for a position on Teen Leadership.

Online Forum. The current CSL Teen Leadership team will host an online forum for all potential candidates, their parents/guardians, youth advisors and/or ministers on Monday June 27, 2022 at 6:00 PST. This will be done via an online Zoom call. The purpose of this is to provide clarity and answer questions as to the roles of leadership, the pros/cons of being on the leadership team, and the realities of being in leadership. [REGISTER HERE: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZElf-qvrz4uGtRoBdfh6gQvLpdWSIsiTatV](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZElf-qvrz4uGtRoBdfh6gQvLpdWSIsiTatV) (*Note: it is NOT necessary for you to decide before this Zoom call whether you will be running for office. This call is designed to inform you about the resulting commitments and responsibilities if you are elected, and to answer your questions.*)

Due date. The completed attached application is due by noon on Sunday July 10, the day of the afternoon business meeting at summer camp 2022. (See below.)

Code of Conduct will be applicable to all travel and events described herein.

Questions. As always, and with everything, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me and we'll work together to see if this is right for you.

Steve

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2022-2023

Youth Leadership Candidate

***Note:* this summary assumes COVID-19 restrictions will allow travel and group gatherings. Should that not be the case for any scheduled event, Zoom activities will be instituted instead.**

EACH ONE or TWO-YEAR TERM FOR YOUTH LEADERSHIP starts August 1 and ends July 31. If you are 18 years old or younger when your second year on leadership begins you may choose to serve one more year. If you are 19 years old or older when your second year on leadership would begin you are not eligible for a second year.

**Requirements and Duties for Youth Leadership include, but are not limited to:

- Age requirement 15-18 when term begins (August 1, 2022)
- Twice a month Zoom conference call meetings, with possible extra calls right before an event. (Two excused absences are allowed)
- Participate in camp workshop planning weekends; *in-person weekends are typically in Southern California and travel and missing school is involved.*
 - **Winter.** Winter workshop planning for 2023 winter camp will be done via Zoom on Saturday October 22, 2022.
 - **Summer.** Summer workshop planning is typically the 3rd or 4th weekend in April in Redondo Beach, CA. Because this event begins on a Friday, missing a day of school is typically necessary.
- Attend January winter and July summer camps during your term.
- Attend or participate virtually in the annual Centers for Spiritual Living Convention and Business Meeting in February normally held the week of Presidents' Day. **NOTE:** The 2023 Convention will be held virtually (online). The 2024 convention will be in person, dates and location to be announced.
- **PARTICIPATION.** Regular participation is expected in the applicant's home center. Participation and visibility is essential in youth group activities, including Sunday services. (Youth who are away at college will create a spiritual practice agreement with management of the CSL Youth Events Department.)

- **CHARACTER.** An applicant’s character is how they live their lives, the choices they make, how they get along with others, how they respect themselves, others, authority, and how they live in integrity—these are all qualities that speak to personal character and are demonstrations of the Science of Mind teaching. These qualities are important necessities for youth leadership. This includes everyday life and all social media activities.
- **HEALTHY COMMUNICATION.** During the term of leadership it is anticipated many activities will be taking place in the teen’s life. This includes school, extracurricular activities, prep for college, home life, etc. The Leader and/or other parties referenced in this application agree to maintain a healthy communication with the CSL Youth Leadership team and adults with regard to anything in life that may impact the ability to lead in a healthy manner, and that may impact the teen’s ability to fully function on this team.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

**Centers for Spiritual Living (CSL) commits to funding all transportation fees and registration/application fees per Youth Leader for the required events listed on the previous pages. The process for this is once any/all travel takes place CSL will reimburse the parent/guardian/center for said funds within 30 days of submission of receipts, post travel. Teens are generally responsible for making their own travel arrangements, with an eye toward keeping costs to a minimum (e.g., making plane reservations as early as possible to attain lower fares). Because these events are considered “supervised events,” regardless of the age of the teen, we encourage making plane reservations that coincide closely with the starting and ending times of the event, as adult advisors will normally be providing transportation to and from the airport. During arrival and departure, teens are not allowed to take Uber or other public ground transportation by themselves, even if they are 18 or 19 years of age, if traveling by air. (NOTE: There may be instances where CSL at CSL’s option makes airline reservations and arrangements after first consulting with the teen/teen’s family about preferred airports and preferred airlines.)

** It is the norm that the elected leaders will miss a day of school for in-person workshop planning weekends.

** As an elected teen leader it is expected that you have open and regular communication with your parent/guardian and appropriate leadership at your home center around your commitments and responsibilities for your role.

ALL PARTIES NEED TO UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS APPLICATION. Failure to comply with these terms may result in the removal from the Leadership team.

2022-2023 Youth Leadership Candidate Application

*Please data input or **print legibly***

NAME: _____

Birth Date ___/___/___ Age on August 1, 2022: _____ Cell #: _____

Email: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name(s) _____

Parent's/Guardian's Email: _____

Center _____ City/State _____

Senior Minister _____

Lead Youth Advisor _____

Using the questions below to jump-start your thought process, create a maximum 2-minute talk to be given live at the business meeting on Sunday July 10 just before voting begins.

1. Why do you want to serve in this role?
2. What is your vision/intention for serving in this capacity?
3. What gifts do you bring to the position you are running for?
4. Describe your experience in Religious Science/Centers for Spiritual Living (Events attended, Leadership roles, classes taken, etc.)
5. Is there anything else you'd like us to know about your ability to fulfill this role?

**Please make a copy of this completed application for your records.
Please submit the following checklist below to Steve Gabrielson at camp no later than noon on Sunday July 10, or email it to him at sgabrielson@hayniecpa.com**

- ___ Letter (or email) of recommendation from your Sr. Minister
- ___ SOM foundational course completed OR
- ___ SOM foundational course intention (when feasible)
- ___ Support Letters (or emails) from parent/guardian and lead youth advisor