

## 2019-2020 Peer Leadership Application

**Juniors:** The following questions are an opportunity for you to present an accurate and complete picture of yourself. You and a parent must sign page two of the application in order to complete the application.

Applications are due no later than **February 22, 2019, at 3 p.m.** They are to be typed. Please submit your application directly to **Ms. Jill Landgraber** via **Google Docs only**. Please check for an e-mail response confirming that your application has been submitted.

As part of the application process, all applicants must attend a **mandatory** workshop/interview session on **Tuesday, February 26** from **6:00-8:00 pm** in the high school cafeteria. Coaches have been informed of this event. **Your signed contract is due that time.** This two-hour experience will help us get to know students better in one on one and group situations. It will also give applicants a thorough understanding of peer group dynamics.

**Please type your responses to the following questions.**

**Name, Address & E-mail:** Please include this information at the **end** of your application, after question #9. Do not put your name anywhere else other than the end of your application after question #9.

1. Name 3 adjectives that your best friend would use to describe you. Talk about a time you demonstrated one of these traits.
2. Bullying, Cliques, Peer Pressure, Self Image and Social Media are some examples of topics that continue to be important and addressed each year in Peer Leadership. Choose one of these topics and discuss how it has impacted your high school experience. How would you address this topic with your 8<sup>th</sup> grade class?
3. Drugs and alcohol continue to be an issue at parties amongst teens today. What do you think the main problem is here in Glen Ridge and what role should a peer leader have in addressing it?
4. What activities outside of school are most important to you (list no more than 3)? With each activity, include your involvement/commitment. Also, if you feel that it has a specific relevance to the Peer Leadership Program; state how your involvement will complement your participation in the Peer Leadership Program.
5. Discuss your strengths and weaknesses in terms of being a peer leader. Based on your response, what would you look for in a peer leadership partner? What would you tell your peer leadership partner about yourself?
6. Respond to the following statement: If you really knew me, you would know...
7. Please read the contract on the last page of the application. How do you anticipate handling the responsibility of being a role model amongst peers your own age? Be specific. In your opinion, what difficult choices (in terms of behavior) might a peer leader have to make?
8. Considering that honesty is an important trait of a peer leader, what experiences have you been a part of that may compromise your application? What were the consequences, how you have learned from it and what you would have done differently?
9. Based on your previous responses, why do you feel that you should be chosen to be a peer leader?

**Please print this page and bring this with you to the interview.**

If I, \_\_\_\_\_ am selected as a Peer Group Leader, I will be aware of and willing to examine my influence as a role model with younger students and my peers and I will behave accordingly. Specifically, I will refrain from the use of alcohol and or other drugs and uphold all school rules. I will respect the GRHS student code of conduct and the law both in and out of school. If any violation to the above expectations occur, I understand that I will be removed from the program and a grade of “Withdraw Pass” or “Withdraw Fail” will appear on my transcript.

I also understand that participating in peer leadership requires a commitment of time and effort to activities and projects inside & outside of school and that these commitments begin as soon as I am selected into the program. I have considered that the possibility of being selected into the program may affect my schedule and I am willing to make appropriate adjustments to ensure my academic success in school and to meet my academic responsibilities.

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Student's Signature

**Parent:**

My child, \_\_\_\_\_, has permission to participate in the Peer Leadership Program as a Peer group Leader for the 2019-2020 school year, should s/he be selected. I, understand that my child will be a role model in this position and have considered the expectations and consequences outlined above associated with this course.

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Parent's Signature

**This contract is due separately from the application on the day of the group interview (2/26). Applications are due 2/22. Thank you.**