



GRACELAND UNIVERSITY

COMMUNITY OF CHRIST LEADERSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

Graceland University wishes to aid high-caliber, well-rounded students who are interested in service to Community of Christ by offering positions in the Community of Christ Leadership Program. If a student accepted to the program meets the program's academic and service requirements, moneys initially awarded as loans may be converted to grants. See reverse for program requirements.

To be eligible, a student must be a member of Community of Christ, have a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale, and demonstrate a high degree of successful leadership involvement in church activities.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM GOALS

- Prepare students for effective church leadership in a variety of settings.
- Provide students with introductory exposure to religious and theological studies.
- Integrate theory and practice in ministry.
- Provide opportunities to offer ministerial leadership through Community of Christ.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please type or print.

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____
Street City and State ZIP code

Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

Date of Birth _____ Male Female Parent(s) Name _____

Congregation _____

How many years do you expect to be in the program? _____ HS Grad. Date _____ Most Recent GPA _____

Proposed Academic Major(s), if known _____

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Résumé

Leadership: List offices, dates held, and activities demonstrating leadership qualities.

Academic Honors: Describe and give dates for all academic achievements such as local, state, or national awards; honor courses; merit awards; and recognition.

Church Activities: List and give dates for all activities and the extent of your involvement.

School-related Activities: List and give dates for all activities and the extent of your involvement.

Civic/Volunteer Activities: List and give dates for all activities and the extent of your involvement.

2. Church Leadership Involvement Statement (on a separate sheet)

In 350 words or less, indicate how church leadership education and involvement would be important in your personal development.

3. References

Two letters of reference are required from: Pastors, Youth Ministers, District/Stake/Mission Center President, or Church Appointee.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Early acceptance deadline is December 1. Application deadline — March 15. Late applications will be considered until all spots are filled. Please return this form and all required documentation to:

Graceland University
Admissions Office
1 University Place
Lamoni, IA 50140

866.GRACELAND (U.S. and Canada)
641.784.5196
641.784.5480 (Fax)
admissions@graceland.edu

CCLP LOAN INFORMATION

Program participants are eligible for a \$2,000 per year student loan renewable for up to four years. Upon satisfactory completion of all program requirements, the loan can be forgiven so there is no financial obligation for the student to repay the funding.

In order to qualify for loan cancellation following graduation, participants must:

1. Satisfactorily complete the academic requirements.
2. Satisfactorily complete the yearly (experiential) requirements.
3. Remain in the program for a minimum of two years.
4. After graduation, give one year in service to the church (volunteer or full time) for every year spent in the program.

At the end of each year of service \$2,000 of the loan is cancelled with the following exception: one year of full-time work for the church equals two years of service.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Academic

In order to qualify for loan cancellation, CCLP students are expected to complete a minor in Church Leadership, which is 21 semester hours (refer to the online academic catalog for more details). For nursing students and others who complete only two years, there is a core of academic classes that must be taken in order to qualify for loan cancellation.

Experiential

In addition to the academic requirements, each student will have the opportunity to gain experience in eight different ministry areas throughout four years in the program. Students will be placed in a small group (ministry team) and focus on one area each semester.

Core Yearly Requirements

- Participate in weekly meetings and other activities with a ministry team
- Accept leadership responsibilities within the ministry area that is the focus for the semester
- Attend one orientation at the beginning of each semester
- Attend Fall Retreat
- Attend Spring Retreat
- Attend one major training event (approximately 10 hours), based on the areas of focus
- Attend at least one worship service per week on campus
- Attend all CCLP meetings
- Annual Reviews — meet with a campus minister at the end of the school year

Additional Program Requirements

- Participation in one CCLP-approved Winter Term within four years
- Completion of an eight–10 week internship in church leadership prior to senior year