



**Steubenville East
LEAD week: July 19-23**

**Application Packet
Summer 2010**

FRANCISCAN LEAD RECRUITMENT AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Dear Group Leader,

Your role in selecting the right participants for Franciscan LEAD is very important to its success. Your efforts in recruiting and assisting potential candidates will be greatly appreciated. This section of the application packet will help outline for you both how to identify teens that would be a good fit for the program and the process for assisting them in the application process.

A GREAT PROGRAM WITH GREAT BENEFITS

One of the most exciting aspects of Franciscan LEAD is the depth of training that the teens will receive. Our goal is to equip and empower young people to be witnesses to their Catholic faith and lead their peers into a deeper relationship with Christ. Imagine the impact on your youth group, even your parish, if you had teens that were unafraid and passionate about preaching the Gospel. This program is designed with you and your ministry in mind. We want to prepare your teens to strengthen their relationship in Christ and empower them to be authentic witnesses in your youth groups. In order to do this, we are going to need your help.

GETTING YOUR TEENS REGISTERED

The process of applying and registering teens is not complicated but it will involve some effort on your part. The success of Franciscan LEAD relies on having the right teens participate. Your insight in their development and maturity will help us make the right choices. With Franciscan LEAD, teens cannot apply on their own. Their applications will be considered only if you, their youth minister or group leader, are recommending them. If you as the group leader do not know the teen personally, then another adult in their life (other than their parent) may fill out the referral form.

THE STEP BY STEP PROCESS

1. Read through all the directions in this application packet very **carefully**.
2. Once you have read the material, prayerfully determine who in your group might be a successful candidate for Franciscan LEAD.
3. Contact the teen(s) and tell them you recognize their leadership ability and their mature faith. Ask them to seriously consider answering the call to deeper service by applying to Franciscan LEAD.
4. If they accept the call to apply, help them fill out the application, fill out the group leader referral form, collect all the pieces of the application and return it to the conference registration office address listed on application checklist.
All pieces of the application (including the youth's application) must be sent in by you, their group leader.
5. Applications will be processed and candidates accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

*Only 25-30 teens will be accepted at each site so please carefully and prayerfully choose potential candidates.

WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

While every teen is at a different place with the Lord, some basic guidelines when determining potential candidates for Franciscan LEAD should be followed. They are:

1. The young person should be a confirmed Catholic teen (or have the intention to be confirmed as soon as available) with a strong desire to serve God, who has leadership potential and who is living the faith beyond Sunday Mass.
2. Franciscan LEAD applicants must be in the range of completion of their freshman year through completion of their senior year in high school. In addition, preference will be given to candidates that have previously attended a Franciscan University Summer Youth Conference (previous attendance is not a requirement).
3. Candidates should be emotionally and psychologically stable enough as to not detract from the process of the Franciscan LEAD training.
4. Candidates should be free from any self-destructive behaviors or addictions.
5. While most teens are not perfect, a good candidate will not willfully be committing habitual, mortal sin.
We are trusting in your knowledge of the teens that you recommend.



Vision Statement

Franciscan LEAD seeks to be the soil where God will plant the seeds of evangelization for the next generation. Participants will discover who they are in Christ, how to walk with Him as a disciple, and how to share His love as a living witness. This program will help fulfill John Paul II's call on this generation to join in the New Evangelization.

Mission Statement

Franciscan LEAD is a dynamic Catholic **L**eadership, **E**vangeli**Z**ation, **A**nd **D**iscipleship development experience for high school students. Our goal is to train, equip and empower high school youth to witness their Catholic faith to their peers and to prepare them for ongoing service in evangelization. Franciscan LEAD will always use dynamic, well-trained young adults and youth ministers to facilitate the training experience. The training week will be rooted in the truths of Scripture, the Catechism, and the multitude of saints who both lived and spread the gospel with zeal and faithfulness. Each day of training will root the participants deeper into prayer and life in the Holy Spirit as taught to us by Christ and given to us in the Sacraments. Every participant will be trained to effectively witness the faith through personal testimony, sharing the gospel message, radical service and authentic witness.

Key Concepts and Competencies

Leadership Training:

- Present Jesus as the model of servant-leadership
- Train teens to bring integrity to all areas of their lives
- Discuss the habits and practices of effective leadership
- Discern and nurture unique gifts of leadership in individual participants

Discipleship Training

- Nurture and encourage ongoing conversion through personal devotion and participation in the life of the Church
- Crystallize the centrality of a personal relationship with the living Christ
- Study and experience various forms of prayer and developing a consistent prayer life
- Equip and empower teens to overcome sin and the lies of their culture through the Sacraments, daily examination of conscience and personal devotion

Evangelization Training

- Understand and effectively share the core of the Gospel message through proclamation and relationship ministry
- Develop, write, and share a personal testimony
- How to pray with someone to begin or deepen their relationship with Christ
- Answering difficult faith questions

What makes Franciscan LEAD unique?

- Intensive training rooted in the Truths of the Catholic Church
- Passionate, experienced, and devoted leaders
- Personal attention
- The opportunity to put newly acquired leadership skills and insights immediately into practice!

How much does Franciscan LEAD cost and what is included?

- The Franciscan LEAD program cost of \$275 includes training in discipleship and evangelization, resource book, official program t-shirt, and lodging/meals for the participant for the duration of the program. This cost does not include the registration fee for the conference weekend or transportation to and from the site.

Group Leaders respond to Franciscan LEAD week:

“In all three of my teens I see greater zeal to lead now as their confidence and interest in sharing the vision that was given to them through LEAD is much greater. I feel they are definitely different—bolder and more ready to serve their peers and share the gospel.”

“They were just shining love and so focused on the other kids. Both were able to lead small group discussions and spent some one on one time with some of our group members.”

“They bonded as a group and have taken on the responsibility of welcoming new teens and trying to draw in teens that tend to remain in the background. They have stepped up and come up with ideas to incorporate in our youth ministry.”

Teens respond to Franciscan LEAD week:

“Before the LEAD week it was always weird trying to tell someone about the faith and how God works. But through the experience with giving my testimony I realized one of the most powerful things I can do is merely tell people of how He’s worked in my own life!”

“I developed a love for scripture, a very strong prayer life, and the skills to maintain it.”

“I learned not to come off too hardheaded and push others away. And I know not to be afraid, and to trust in Him. I also know that I have to be willing to share my faith in a different way and not be afraid of what others think of me.”

“I noticed that I was participating in church events or volunteering all for me, and not for God. LEAD really opened my eyes to humility.”

“I did things I never thought I could do. Giving my testimony was the most challenging thing I’ve done in my faith yet and it had AMAZING effects in my life. I used to think that by sharing my story I would sound like I was asking for pity, and I became severely embarrassed by my past. LEAD helped me realize that by NOT sharing my story I was being selfish and I needed to just get out of the way and let God use me as His vessel.”

“Each day for me was like God was exposing a problem in the way I was living my life, and then healing it.”

“I feel LEAD helped me to grow more as a person and didn’t leave you on this mountain top spiritual high but it left you as a new person willing to serve.”

“LEAD really taught me what love was all about.”

“I wasn’t unwilling to be a witness, it was that there was always this fear of rejection that would hold me back. But one of the most beautiful things about LEAD is that it dispels the fear and empowers you to be that witness to others.”

Frequently Asked Questions

✧ **What is Franciscan LEAD?**

Franciscan LEAD is a dynamic Catholic leadership opportunity for teens that are ready to step up to the next level of leadership. This program, in the spirit of **St. Francis**, will teach participants the principles of **Leadership, Evangelization, And Discipleship**.

✧ **What happens over the course of the week?**

The week is rooted in the truths of Scripture, the Catechism, the Sacraments of the Catholic Church, and the lives of the saints. Each day of training will consist of workshops on discipleship including how to develop a prayer life, overcoming sin through the Sacraments, and other practical tools for developing their Catholic faith. The week will also include evangelization training on being an effective witness through topics such as how to share their personal testimony, servant leadership, how to answer difficult faith questions, and being an authentic witness.

✧ **Who should apply for Franciscan LEAD?**

Franciscan LEAD is for youth who are passionate about their Catholic faith, active in their youth group, and are ready to step up to the next level of leadership through evangelization and discipleship training.

✧ **When does Franciscan LEAD take place?**

Franciscan LEAD training begins Monday evening before the Steubenville Youth Conference and runs through Friday afternoon. On Friday evening, after spending the afternoon greeting and assisting arriving youth groups, Franciscan LEAD participants join their group. Therefore, each participant must be a registered conference participant with their group for the weekend.

✧ **Who facilitates the Franciscan LEAD week?**

The program is led by a team of leaders who are experienced in youth ministry and have been specifically trained by Franciscan University of Steubenville's Youth Outreach Office.

✧ **How do youth apply for Franciscan LEAD?**

The application and referral forms are sent to the group leaders after they officially register for the Franciscan University Summer Youth Conference. Because we are seeking youth who have been acknowledged as up-and-coming leaders, youth are not able to apply directly to the program but must be referred by their group leader. The entire application packet, including the youth application and referral, must be sent directly to the conference office from the group leader. Contact the conference registration office for an application packet.

✧ **What is the age requirement for applying?**

Franciscan LEAD applicants must be in the range of completion of their freshman year through completion of their senior year in high school. Preference will be given to those who have been to a Franciscan University Summer Youth Conference in the past.

✧ **Can a youth apply to Franciscan LEAD at a site different from where their group is registered?**

No. One of the values of Franciscan LEAD is participants use their newly acquired skills and insights to serve their fellow group members throughout the high school youth conference weekend. Participants are required to be registered at the same Franciscan University Summer Youth Conference as their group.

✧ **What is included in the cost?**

The Franciscan LEAD program cost includes training in discipleship and evangelization, resource book, official program t-shirt, and lodging/meals for the participant for the duration of the program. This cost does not include the registration fee for the conference weekend or transportation to and from the site. Options for payment may be available through sponsorship by parish youth group for full or partial cost.

✧ **How are travel arrangements made?**

Once the participant is accepted to the program, they are responsible for arranging their own travel to the site and notifying the Steubenville Youth Conference registration office of their travel plans after acceptance.

✧ **Where will the participants join their group on Friday?**

We will provide transportation to the conference site on Friday for all Franciscan LEAD participants. They will then be able to join their group upon arriving at the conference for dinner on Friday.

✧ **Can youth be considered for Franciscan LEAD a second year?**

Yes, however youth must go through the entire application process again and priority will be given to new applicants. Previous participation in Franciscan LEAD does not guarantee acceptance.

Franciscan LEAD Application Packet Group Leader Checklist

- Franciscan LEAD Youth Application
- Franciscan LEAD Group Leader Referral Form
- Franciscan LEAD Parental Consent and Youth Signature Form
- Liability Release Form

Double Check: All of the above items **MUST BE** enclosed and mailed from you, the group leader. An application packet will **not** be processed if any of the above forms are missing or mailed from anyone other than the group leader. We are not responsible for notifying you if the application packet is incomplete.

Please mail complete application packets to:

Youth Outreach Office
Franciscan LEAD Application
1235 University Blvd
Steubenville, OH 43952

For more information call: (740) 284-5886

Final deadline for applying: May 3, 2010

Completed application packets will be reviewed and accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Therefore, we recommend returning the application packet as soon as possible.

We will notify acceptance via email by: May 31, 2010
Deposit (\$100) Due: June 15, 2010 Remaining Payment (\$175) Due: July 1, 2010

Franciscan LEAD Youth Application
The week of Steubenville East Youth Conference

Instructions:

1. Read through all of the questions before you begin writing your answers.
2. Answer all the questions thoroughly and honestly.
3. CLEARLY PRINT each answer in blue or black ink. Use separate paper when necessary.
4. Be yourself! Don't forget to attach a picture! Return this to your group leader.

APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

Name: _____ Is there another name you prefer going by? _____

E-mail (Required – This is how you will be notified of acceptance. Please print clearly): _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Age:** _____ **Gender:** Male Female **I am currently** freshman sophomore junior senior

Home Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ **State/Province:** _____ **Zip/Postal Code:** _____

Home phone: _____ **Cell phone:** _____

Parish you are registered under for the youth conference: _____

Group leader's name you are registered under for the youth conference: _____

Name of person recommending your application (if other than group leader): _____

Have you attended a Franciscan University of Steubenville Youth Conference before? Yes No

If yes, year and location? _____

Have you attended Franciscan LEAD before? Yes No

If yes, year and location? _____

T-shirt size: small medium large x-large xx-large

CATHOLIC/SPIRITUAL FORMATION

I am baptized Yes No If no, please explain: _____

I am confirmed in the Catholic Church Yes No If no, when do you plan to be confirmed: _____

For the past 12 months, I have met my obligation of attending Sunday liturgy and Holy Days of obligation.

Yes No If no, please explain: _____

PARISH AND YOUTH GROUP INVOLVEMENT

My youth minister's name is: _____

Youth minister's phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Tell us any ministry and/or leadership experiences you have participated in that would help us evaluate your readiness for Franciscan LEAD? Please describe:

FAMILY INFORMATION

Parents' marital status: Married Never married Widowed Separated Divorced

Father's name: _____ (If deceased, please give date deceased: _____)

Do you have a stepfather? Yes No Stepfather's name: _____

Father's/Stepfather's Phone Number: _____

I would describe my relationship with my father/stepfather as:

Mother's name: _____ (If deceased, please give date deceased: _____)

Do you have a stepmother? Yes No Stepmother's name: _____

Mother's/Stepmother's Phone Number: _____

I would describe my relationship with my mother/stepmother as:

Siblings - Please check all that apply and put in requested numbers:

I am an only child.

I am the _____ (your order of birth) of _____ (# of total children in your family) children. (ex. 1st of 5 - oldest)

I have _____ (#) brothers and _____ (#) sisters.

I have _____ (#) stepbrothers and _____ (#) stepsisters. I have _____ (#) half brothers and _____ (#) half sisters

I would describe my relationship with my brothers and sisters as:

SHORT ESSAY QUESTIONS

When answering these questions, be yourself. There are no right or wrong answers. These questions are simply vehicles for us to learn more about you.

Why do you want to participate in Franciscan LEAD? What do you hope to gain?

How did you hear about Franciscan LEAD?

Other than church related activities, what are your hobbies and interests?

Pick one word to describe your faith right now and explain.

What particular gifts or abilities do you have to offer to the service of other people?

We want to be prepared to serve you and your needs. Are there any issues or challenges that you have overcome or are working through at this time that you feel we should know about? Please describe.

For example: eating disorder, abuse, depression, drug or alcohol use, self-injury, etc.?

SELF-ASSESSMENT

I would describe my physical health as... below average average above average excellent

Please elaborate: _____

Please give yourself a number evaluation based on the following scale:

1- True 2 - Not True 3 - Unsure

_____ I believe I am trying my best to serve Christ every day.

_____ I have a hard time connecting to Christ while at Mass.

_____ My family would say that I am a good witness to the Catholic faith.

_____ My friends would say that I am a good witness to the Catholic faith.

_____ I believe everything the Catholic Church teaches to be true.

_____ I have a hunger to learn more about my faith.

_____ I have a personal relationship with Christ.

_____ I have a consistent prayer life.

_____ I have experienced the power of the Holy Spirit at work in my life.

_____ I am open to whatever God wants for my life.

_____ I am able to lead my peers.

_____ I am able to follow my peer's leadership.

From the above list, please elaborate on one of your strengths:

From the above list, please elaborate on one area of needed improvement:

I attest that the answers I have given are truthful and give an accurate description of my life as it is right now. I understand that I may be asked to elaborate on any answer given on this form as part of the application process. I understand that any answer I have given will be kept confidential and will be used to evaluate my readiness and preparation for Franciscan LEAD.

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____

Please include a recent photo of yourself. Attach photo to the back of the application.

- **Return this application to your group leader.**
- The application must be mailed in by your group leader as part of an application packet.
- An incomplete application packet or a packet sent from anyone other than the Group Leader will not be reviewed (See Group Leader Check List for complete application packet listing).
- You must be a registered weekend conference participant to apply for Franciscan LEAD.

Franciscan LEAD Group Leader Referral Form
The week of the Steubenville East Youth Conference

REFERRAL'S INFORMATION

Your Name: _____ Today's Date: _____

E-mail (Required – This is how you will be notified of applicant's acceptance. Please print clearly):

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

The best way to get a hold of me is: work cell home

APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

Applicant's Name: _____

Group leader's name applicant is registered under for the youth conference (if it is not you): _____

Parish/Group applicant is registered under for the youth conference: _____

check this box to confirm the applicant is a registered conference participant for the Steubenville Youth Conference

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

What is your relationship to the applicant? *(Please check all that apply)*

Priest DRE Youth Minister Teacher Other (explain) _____

Check this box to confirm you are not the parent or legal guardian of the applicant.

This referral should be completed by the group leader/youth minister. If the group leader is also the parent, please have another person who has worked with the applicant in a ministry setting fill out the referral.

How long have you known the applicant? _____ How frequently are you in touch with the applicant? _____

How well do you know the applicant? very well well not well very little

How well do you know the applicant's family? very well well not well very little

APPLICANT EVALUATION

Please comment on the applicant's faith and involvement with the Catholic Church.

Please explain why the applicant should be considered for Franciscan LEAD.

Please give the applicant a number evaluation based on the following scale.

5 – Very True 4 – True 3 – Somewhat True 2 – Somewhat Untrue 1 – Untrue

- _____ I believe that the applicant is trying their best to serve Christ every day.
- _____ The applicant has shown a real hunger to learn more about their faith.
- _____ The applicant is teachable.
- _____ The applicant has openness to what God wants in their life.
- _____ The applicant is able to lead peers.
- _____ The applicant is able to follow peer leadership.
- _____ The applicant regularly attends Mass and any available youth group meetings.
- _____ The applicant demonstrates mature behavior.
- _____ The applicant follows through with responsibilities and commitments.
- _____ The applicant exhibits responsible behavior including dependability and self-control.
- _____ The applicant possesses a cooperative, friendly, courteous disposition.
- _____ The applicant is not afraid to stand up for their faith.

From the qualities listed above, please elaborate on one of the applicant's strengths:

From the qualities listed above, please elaborate on one of the applicant's areas of needed growth:

Do you have any concerns with the applicant relating in a healthy manner with other people? Yes No

If yes, please explain _____

To your knowledge, has the applicant ever been chemically dependent? Yes No

If yes, please explain _____

Are there any issues or challenges that the applicant has overcome or is currently working through that you feel we should know about? For example: eating disorder, abuse, depression, drug or alcohol use, self-injury, etc.?

Please feel free to share anything else that might aid our decision on the back of this page.

I attest that the answers I have given are truthful and give an accurate description of the applicant and my relationship with the applicant as it is right now. I understand that I may be asked to elaborate on any answer given on this form as part of the application process. I understand that any answer I have given will be kept confidential and will only be used to evaluate the applicant's readiness and preparation for Franciscan LEAD.

Referral's Signature

Date

Franciscan LEAD Parental Consent and Youth Signature Form

Franciscan LEAD is for youth who have made a commitment to follow Christ and are ready to step up to the next level of Christian discipleship, evangelization, and servant leadership. In applying for this program, we ask that if you are selected you understand and commit to the following.

What you can expect:

1. To go deeper in your relationship with Christ and discover more fully what living as a disciple of Jesus means.
2. Personal mentoring from well-trained Catholic young adults with a passion for Jesus and a deep love for teens.
3. Days full of Christ-centered training, vibrant prayer, and small group discussions.
4. A week of living in a fun, upbeat, faith-filled environment.

What will be expected of you:

1. Come open and ready to learn and grow.
2. Participate fully in all scheduled activities.
3. Model Christ to all fellow participants and facilitators.
4. Be ready to serve both your fellow participants and your youth group during the weekend.

Specifically we need you to commit to:

1. Refrain from inappropriate language, rude or sexual comments, and swearing.
2. Refrain from the use of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco.
3. Follow all rules regarding curfew and Christian modest dress.
4. Obey all other directions of the Franciscan LEAD staff and local liaisons.

Violation of any policy may result in participant being sent home at parent's expense.

**IMPORTANT AGREEMENT:
(Please Read before signing)**

I, _____, the parent/guardian of _____, have read this information sheet explaining the expectations of Franciscan LEAD participants, as well as the portion of the application filled out by my son/daughter. I give permission for my son/daughter to participate in Franciscan LEAD. Furthermore, my son/daughter agrees to abide by the disciplines of no swearing, smoking, drinking, or use of drugs or tobacco during his/her Franciscan LEAD experience.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Signature of Applicant

2010 EAST LIABILITY/MEDICAL RELEASE FORM - LEAD PARTICIPANT

Please print or type all information clearly. This form is required for attendance at the Franciscan LEAD week and should be used along with any liability form required by the local dioceses.

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Group Leader: _____ Parish: _____

Participant's Name _____ M/F _____ Year of Graduation _____

Date of Birth _____ E-Mail _____

Parents/Guardian First and Last Names: _____

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parent's Home Phone # (_____) _____ Parent's Cell Phone # (_____) _____

Parent's Work Phone: (_____) _____ Parent's Other Phone # (_____) _____

MEDICAL/LIABILITY RELEASE

- I (We), the undersigned, do hereby release, forever discharge, and agree to hold Life Teen Inc., Franciscan University of Steubenville, and the site organization(s), harmless from any and all liability, claims, demands, lawsuits, and expenses arising from personal injury, sickness, death, or property damage of any nature whatsoever, which may be incurred or suffered by the undersigned while attending the above activity.
- Furthermore, I (We) hereby assume all risk of personal injury, sickness, death, damage and expenses arising from the participant's participation in all activities, including recreation and work activities involved in the above activity. In addition, I (We) authorize and grant permission to furnish all necessary transportation, food, lodging, and medical treatment for the participant. I (We) give permission for diagnoses, treatment, and prescription of medication in accordance with standard medical practice by appropriate health care personnel. I (We) release Life Teen Inc., Franciscan University of Steubenville, and the site organization of all responsibility and consequences that may arise as a result of any injury suffered and resulting treatment. Further, I (We) agree to accept any and all financial responsibility as a result of scheduling, acquiring and/or providing medical treatment.
- I (We) further hereby agree to indemnify and hold Life Teen International, Franciscan University of Steubenville, the site organization(s), and their respective members, directors, employees, volunteers, and agents (collectively, the "Indemnitees"), harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, lawsuits, damages and liabilities, including attorneys' fees and expenses sustained by the Indemnitees as the result of the negligent, willful, or intentional acts of the participant.
- Furthermore, I (We) understand that Life Teen Inc., Franciscan University of Steubenville, and the site organization will not be liable if the undersigned fails to cooperate with the rules and that any infraction of the rules may result in immediate dismissal from the conference at my expense.
- I (We), the parents or legal guardians, hereby agree to all of the foregoing on behalf of the participant and grant permission for _____, the participant, to fully participate in the above activity and all its undertakings. Through me, the minor agrees to abide by all the rules and regulations stated by Life Teen, Inc., Franciscan University of Steubenville, the site organization, and the conference staff.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

MEDICAL HISTORY

PLEASE HAVE YOUR INSURANCE CARD WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES

Allergies: _____

Current Medications: _____

Medical History: _____

Insurance Carrier: _____ Policy Number: _____

EMERGENCY Contact Information:

In the event of an emergency please contact: Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Telephone: # (_____) _____