



Impact Student Leader Qualifications

MISSION:

“African descent leaders Spiritually Focused, Financially Free, Morally Fit, taking the truth of Jesus Christ to the campus, the community and world”

General Guidelines of an Impact Student Leader

Christians who are in places of responsibility are required to live exemplary lives in faith, conduct and studies. Maintaining a high standard for leaders is one of the best ways to present Christ to our campus, communities and world. Therefore, the following guidelines will be required for any person who desires to be an Impact Leader.

1. Be saved for at least one year and exemplify a life separated from the love of the world and the things of the world.
2. Must be a member or faithful attendee of a local church.
3. Must have sufficient understanding of the basic doctrines of the Christian faith (see Impact “statement of faith”)
4. Must be an active part of Impact ministry meaning regular attendance to Bible study and attend Impact Leadership Institutes.
5. Be open to the work of the Holy Spirit in your life.
6. Must have been involved in Impact meetings for at least one semester.
7. Must be relatively free from bondage and destructive sin patterns.
8. Must be in an accountable/discipleship relationship with an Impact coach or spiritual mentor from elsewhere.
9. Must display an approachable spirit to those you lead, follow and to your peers.
10. Must have gone through the “Commitment” sheet and be in agreement with all of it.

Purity in Relationships of an Impact Student Leader

Because we are followers of Jesus, we should desire to live a life that is holy and pleasing to Jesus Christ. Christians in places of leadership are to be an example to others in and outside the Christian community displaying the utmost purity in relationships with the opposite sex. An Impact student leader must be willing to abstain from any and all immoral behavior meaning sex outside of marriage, laying down together or touching inappropriately). Also the student must be willing to abstain from having relationships or friendships that are distracting or a hindrance to your relationship with God and your ministry (no kissing friends, excessive flirting, etc.) If you are in a relationship you must be willing to be held accountable in that relationship to ensure purity is maintained.

Time Commitments of an Impact Student Leader

Daily:

- Spend 30-60 minutes a day with the Lord so that you are ministering out of an overflow of Jesus in your life.
- Pray consistently for Impact members.

Weekly:

- Meet with people outside of Impact meetings to disciple, encourage and strengthen them in the Lord
- Spend time each week in personal outreach-visitation/evangelism
- Attend weekly Impact leader meetings

Consistently:

- Meet/communicate with coach on a regular basis for prayer, planning, accountability and evaluation of effectiveness.
- Reach out and bring new people into the Impact groups through visitation, evangelism and personal relationships
- Attend Impact conferences and events when offered.

General guidelines for Leadership teams

1. Realizing that while many schools ask for a president's name for the organization, the value of team should never be underestimated of each leader. God gave us the Body for a reason.
 - Thus, when all the responsibility/decisions rest upon one person, the organization has more risks and less ownership of all.
 - While one person may need to facilitate leadership meetings, "power or responsibility" needs to be shared equally.
 - Leadership teams should be made up equally of men and women where possible.
2. From the very beginning of becoming a leader, remember to be developing other leaders. You will not always be a student, thus you need to have a mindset of replacing yourself. Your group needs new life in order to not become stagnant.
3. Leadership is Servanthood. Great questions to keep before your leadership team might be:
 - Do I think that I am better than others?
 - Am I looking for some sort of preference because of being a leader?
 - Does my walk match my talk? What are others hearing from us.
 - How am I serving others?
 - How am I loving and encouraging others?
 - Do any of my actions or attitudes cause others to stumble?
 - Are we as a leadership team being consistent with members or have we shown preference to some?
 - Am I serving the other members of the leadership team?
4. Initiative should be taken with other Christian ministries to express our unity. Preference should be given to coming together as equals with Campus Crusade for Christ partnership ministries. Initiatives are in the area of prayer and outreach.

General guidelines for Large Impact meetings/gatherings

What are the essential ingredients for this time?

- Time in the Word that connects to a part of our mission
- Time of encouragement and/or praise
- Opportunities for further involvement in the mission (small group/prayer/outreach)
- Salvation testimony
- Occasional opportunities to receive Christ...probably not every week.

What might be ingredients to have at a different time or presented in a different venue?

- Extended time of prayers (better done at another time)
- Announcements from other groups might well be incorporated in a handout or in a different format. Why? We need to keep the Impact vision and mission very clear in this time.
- Divisive issues...issues that can only be dealt with the spiritually mature.