

TEXAS CRIME STOPPERS AMBASSADORS PROGRAM

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AMBASSADOR PROGRAM OBJECTIVE:

The primary objective of the Crime Stoppers Ambassador Program is to shape young leaders in the Texas Crime Stoppers community. The aim of the program is to establish a network of informed and influential students throughout Texas who can actively represent Crime Stoppers while building a proficient skill set and gaining leadership experience.

Ambassadors are selected to represent their peers all over the state, and serve as the youth voice for Crime Stoppers in Texas therefore, ambassadors are expected to exhibit a high degree of maturity, responsibility, flexibility, and leadership at all times.

SELECTION PROCESS:

There are twelve ambassadors appointed to the program at one time. Once selected as an ambassador you remain an ambassador until you graduate from high school, express in writing that you wish to terminate involvement in the program, fail to attend a conference, or you are asked to resign by Ambassador Program Leader or Liaison.

The number of ambassadors selected each year during the conference is based upon how many ambassador become vacant.

Applicants must be in the eighth, ninth, or tenth grade at the time of application.

Application forms must be complete to be considered for selection.

Applications may be submitted either via email or in person on the first day of conference. A representative of Texas Crime Stoppers must receive at the Campus Conference no later than 5:00 PM on Wednesday, February 6th, 2019. Email to Liana Curtis liana.curtis@gov.texas.gov

Upon receipt of your completed application, you will be scheduled for an interview with the selection panel. Interviews are held Thursday, February 7th, 2019 starting at 9:30 AM. Decisions will be announced at the awards ceremony.

INTERVIEW PROCESS:

Applicants are expected to dress and conduct themselves appropriately during the interview. Questions regarding basic knowledge of Crime Stoppers and the Ambassador program as well as leadership abilities.

Each applicant will be given two minutes to share information about themselves with the "hiring team". We encourage applicants to use the two minutes to explain why they would be a good ambassador based on their experience and goals.

AMBASSADOR CODE OF CONDUCT:

Appropriate behavior is required at all times during the conference, in your school, and in your community.

Dress Appropriately

Business Casual is the acceptable dress code for ambassadors. This includes clothing such as collared shirts, slacks, skirts, nice denim jeans (no holes), khaki pants, dresses and sweaters. **Unacceptable** clothing includes t-shirts (unless part of a two-layered ensemble), sweat shirts, sweat pants, shorts, exercise clothes, or torn clothing. Not every possible clothing consideration has been listed. **Good judgment will prevail and immediate feedback will be provided should something be considered unacceptable.** Remember: you are expected to positively represent your school and the state.

Be Respectful

You are working with others as a team. Be considerate of how your actions or contributions affect your fellow ambassadors, students, and the community as a whole. Treat one another and conference participants with respect. You may not always agree, but disagreement is no excuse for poor behavior or poor manners. The important goal is not to avoid disagreements or differing views but to resolve them constructively. Seek advice to help you determine which direction will be most acceptable.

Be Collaborative

Being an ambassador is about collaboration and working together. Collaboration reduces work redundancy and improves the quality of the conference for everyone. When you are unsure, ask for help. Nobody knows everything and nobody is expected to be perfect. Asking questions avoids many problems down the road so questions are encouraged. Those who are asked should be responsive and helpful. However, when asking a question, take care to do so in an appropriate forum.

Be Honest

Sometimes the hardest thing to say is "no" or admit you have forgotten to do something. Be honest with each other and yourself regarding what you say and what you can realistically commit to.

Be On Time

Be on time to all scheduled meetings, courses, and other appointed locations. Being on time shows that you are responsible and that you have excellent time management skills. If you are late, you may miss important information, you disrupt the class or meeting, and it is a sign of disrespect.

Ending Your Ambassadorship

Ambassadors and alternates may at any time, for whatever reason, decide to terminate their position. Notice of such a decision should be communicated in writing as soon as possible to Texas Crime Stoppers Training and Technical Assistance.

Dismissal of an Ambassador

Ambassadors and alternates who do not adhere to the rules and agreements are subject to dismissal. No ambassador or alternate will be terminated until the ambassador or alternate and his/her sponsor has an opportunity to discuss the reasons for possible dismissal with the Texas Crime Stoppers staff. Possible grounds for dismissal may include, but are not limited to, the following: gross misconduct, theft of property or misuse of materials, abuse or mistreatment of conference attendees, staff or other volunteers, and failure to abide by policies and procedures set by the Code of Conduct.

If you use profanity, vulgarity, threats, derogatory reference to nationality, gender, religion, or personal characteristics at any time, either in person or by posting in any social media such as Facebook, Twitter, email, or any other means of electronic communication at ANY time, you will be asked to seek your community service elsewhere and Texas Crime Stoppers Training will be obligated to contact your sponsor and your parents. This is a ZERO TOLERANCE policy.

Use of tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs at ANY time will be cause for immediate dismissal, and Texas Crime Stoppers Training will contact your sponsor, your school, and your parents. This is a ZERO TOLERANCE policy.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Address: _____
(Street Address or P.O. Box)

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone: _____ Age: _____ Gender: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____
(Street Address or P.O. Box)

School Phone: _____

Applicants Grade Level: _____ Applicants Grade Point Average: _____

Applicants Expected Year of Graduation: _____

Crime Stoppers Organization Name: _____

Current Position on Crime Stoppers Board: _____

How long have you been involved in a campus Crime Stoppers Organization? _____

APPLICATION

List your extracurricular activities from the past five years. Include leadership positions you have held.

Date	Organization and Activity	Role/Involvement

1. What interests you in serving the Crime Stoppers community as an ambassador?

2. What are your thoughts/concerns about crime on school campuses?

3. What are your strengths and how will they benefit the Ambassador program?

4. What are your weaknesses and how are you working to improve upon them?

5. Is there anything you would like us to know about you that you have not already stated?

AMBASSADOR SERVICE AGREEMENT

The purpose of this service agreement is to effectively carry out the Texas Crime Stoppers ambassador initiative as an integral part of Texas Crime Stoppers. Ambassadors serve under the direction and guidance of Texas Crime Stoppers Staff.

(Please initial each of the following statements)

All information that I have provided is true and correct and may be verified, if necessary, by contacting persons or organizations named in this application, or by contacting any person or organization that may have information concerning me.

I understand that I am applying to a volunteer program and although I may benefit both personally and professionally from this experience, I will not receive nor expect any compensation for my volunteer service as an ambassador. I am willing to perform the volunteer service without promise, expectations, or receipt of wages and without any coercion or pressure.

___ I will keep all academic responsibilities a top priority by maintaining an adequate GPA.

___ I will maintain contact with the Texas Crime Stoppers Ambassador Leader and Liaison.

___ I will notify the Ambassador Program Leader of any change of address, phone number, email or other contact information, including changes in sponsor.

___ Texas Crime Stoppers may use photographs or film that may be taken of me.

___ I will report on time, as scheduled and check-in with the staff.

___ I am able to communicate effectively and efficiently.

___ I am passionate about promoting the Crime Stoppers message.

___ I am open-minded and respectful of others.

___ I am a person that likes to have fun and meet new people.

___ I am willing to take reasonable risks and learn new things.

___ I am and will remain, tobacco, alcohol, and other drug-free.

___ I am able to prioritize commitments.

By initialing the above statements and signing this application, I have read and understand the Code of Conduct and Service Agreement. I am aware of the consequences for violations to these policies.

Signature of Ambassador: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Sponsor: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY SPONSOR:

Sponsor Name: _____
(Last) (First)

School Name: _____

Crime Stoppers Organization Name: _____

School Address: _____
(Street Address or P.O. Box)

Sponsor E-mail Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Office Phone: _____

I have read and fully understand the information given in this application and know the expectations of my student. I hereby request and approve this application and participation in the Texas Crime Stoppers Ambassador Program. When volunteering through the Ambassador Program, I understand that I am responsible for my student's participation and transportation.

(Please initial each of the following statements)

___ I will maintain contact with Texas Crime Stoppers Ambassador Program Leader and Liaison.

___ I will notify Texas Crime Stoppers of any change of address, phone number, email or other contact information, including changes in sponsor.

___ I agree to release and hold harmless from liability Texas Crime Stoppers, its employees, and volunteers.

SIGNATURE OF SPONSOR: _____

DATE: _____

Two-Minute Elevator Pitch Interviews

What is an elevator pitch?

Your elevator pitch is your quick, personal selling statement.

How it will work:

Each applicant will be given 120 seconds to share information about themselves with the “hiring team”. We encourage applicants to use the two minutes to explain why they would be a good ambassador based on their experience and goals.

What to include in your two-minute pitch:

1. Introduction; Name, Year, and what program you’re with, etc.
2. Ambassador program interest.
3. Demonstrate your skills by sharing leadership experience, achievements, strengths, and skills/goals you want to achieve or fortify through Ambassadorship.

Example Elevator Pitch:

1. Hello, my name is _____ and I am a _____ at _____ (high/middle) school and I’m with the _____ campus crime stoppers program.
2. I am interested in a position as an ambassador because _____, _____, and _____.
3. I have been involved in _____ which I believe makes me an excellent candidate for the Ambassador program.
4. And developed skills in _____. I have also had a work/volunteer position as a _____ with _____ and discovered that I really enjoy _____.

**** Interviews will begin at 9:30 AM Thursday, February 7th, and the schedule will be made available at the ambassador table. Applicants will be assigned an interview time when the applications is turned in. Interview location TBD. ****

“Hiring Team”:

Liana Curtis, Ambassador Program Leader

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