

Thank you for applying for the Covenant Merge Ministries **Global Student Leadership** event. Warning! This is not a mission trip. This event is designed for students who are serious about developing leadership skills for their youth group, church and for the Kingdom of God. Your thoroughness in filling out the application is appreciated.

PLEASE PRINT:

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Date of Birth (M/D/Y): _____ M/F: _____

High School: _____ City: _____

Current Grade or Graduation Year: _____

Choose Global Student Leadership Event you are applying for (if available for more than one rank in order which you are interested in – in case your first choice is full):

_____ - **March 23-31, 2013** Santiago, Dominican Republic

_____ - **June 8-16, 2013** La Villa de San Antonio, Honduras

_____ - **June 29-July 7** Puerta Plata, Dominican Republic

_____ - **July 6-14** San Luis Rio Colorado, Mexico

_____ - **July 19-29** Tome, Chile

Do you plan on having an adult chaperone accompany you on this trip? If so please give their name and contact information: _____

List any academic, leadership/service, extracurricular activities and awards through your school and/or community (clubs, athletics, music, drama, student government, scouts, etc...) _____

Church _____ City _____ Pastor(s) _____

How long and in what ways have you been involved in your church? In what areas of leadership have you been active? (youth group, Bible Studies, worship, choir, service projects, mission trips, etc...) _____

List any other talents or interests not listed above (speaking, drama, writing, music, sports, etc...) _____

Please type answers to the following questions on a **separate piece of paper and attach it to the back of this application:** (one page maximum)

- a) Describe how you personally came to know Jesus Christ and the nature of that relationship today?
- b) What does leadership mean to you?
- c) Who would you say has been a leader to you? Why?

Give the enclosed reference form to your pastor, youth pastor or the appropriate person in leadership at your church who will give you a reference. Applications will not be considered until the form has been received

A \$100 deposit must accompany this application. The deposit will be refunded only if the student is not selected for Global Student Leadership. Applications must be postmarked by the following dates:

Santiago, Dominican Republic – **December 15, 2012**

La Villa de San Antonio, Honduras & Puerta Plata, Dominican Republic – **March 1, 2013**

San Luis Rio Colorado, Mexico & Tome, Chile – **April 1, 2013**

Space is limited to 15 youth for each trip. Students must be between 15-19 years of age at the time of the trip. Please make sure your check is payable to the **Evangelical Covenant Church** and write **Merge GSL** on the memo line.

Mail application to:
Covenant World Mission
Attn: Tanya Constanza
8303 W. Higgins Road
Chicago, IL 60631
Email: tanya.constanza@covchurch.org

To Whom it may concern:

The undersigned hereby gives permission for my/our child, _____, to attend the Global Student Leadership Event and participate in the activities sponsored by Covenant Merge Ministries, the Department of World Mission and the Department of Christian Formation of the Evangelical Covenant Church.

I/We authorize an adult, in whose care the minor has been entrusted, to consent to any X-ray examination, anesthetic, medical, surgical or dental diagnosis or treatment, and hospital care, to be rendered to the minor under the general or special supervision and on the advice of any physician or dentist licensed under the provisions of the Medical Practice Act on the medical staff of a licensed hospital, whether such diagnosis or treatment is rendered at the office of said physician or at said hospital.

The undersigned shall be liable and agrees to pay all costs and expenses incurred in connection with such medical and dental services rendered to the aforementioned child pursuant to this authorization.

Should it be necessary for my/our child to return home due to medical reasons or otherwise. The undersigned shall assume all transportation costs.

Please list any allergies or special medical problems your child may have: _____

Hospital insurance: Yes No

Insurance company: _____ Emergency number(s): _____

Policy number: _____

Parent/legal Guardian signature

Relationship

Date

Student Commitment

Please read and sign below:

I understand that there are certain risks inherent in all international travel and am willing to assume the physical risks involved. I also understand that in order to benefit the most from this leadership training experience I must be willing to submit to the leadership and direction of the Merge staff and GSL Trainer/Mentors who will be responsible for my personal growth and training.

I agree to not drink alcohol, use narcotics, rebel against the Merge leadership, participate in sexual activity, leave designated areas alone, or disrespect host leadership and pastors. I will prepare for the event diligently as directed and be as culturally sensitive as possible. I understand if my behavior is unacceptable to the Merge staff, teacher/mentors, and host pastors/leadership I will be sent home at cost to my family.

Student Signature

Date

_____ is applying for a leadership training experience with Global Student Leadership. Please respond to the following questions and return to Tanya Constanza, Covenant World Mission, 8303 W. Higgins, Rd, Chicago, IL 60631 as soon as possible. Please Note: **No application will be considered without the required reference form.**

In what capacity and how long have you known the applicant: _____

Please indicate your knowledge of this applicant:

• Teachable	WEAK	1	2	3	4	5	STRONG
• Considerate to peers	WEAK	1	2	3	4	5	STRONG
• Leadership ability	WEAK	1	2	3	4	5	STRONG
• Handles responsibility	WEAK	1	2	3	4	5	STRONG
• Works well with others	WEAK	1	2	3	4	5	STRONG
• Responds to authority	WEAK	1	2	3	4	5	STRONG
• Expresses him/herself well	WEAK	1	2	3	4	5	STRONG
• Considerate of adults	WEAK	1	2	3	4	5	STRONG
• Leads a consistent Christian lifestyle	WEAK	1	2	3	4	5	STRONG

Explain how this student is involved in Christian leadership in their school and their community.

How would you consider this student already a leader in your church and youth ministry?

What potential for Christian leadership do you see from this student?

What areas of leadership development do you think would most challenge/benefit this student?

Make additional comments or concerns on other side.

_____ I recommend this applicant for Global Student Leadership

_____ I recommend the applicant with the following reservations (please explain)

Signature _____ Date _____

Position _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email address _____

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