



CULTURAL LEADERSHIP AGREEMENT

Cultural Leadership is an exciting, demanding and much-needed program. There are many responsibilities and obligations connected to participation in Cultural Leadership. Please read the following agreement and think it through with your parents/guardians to be sure you are willing and able to make the necessary commitment to the program. We will happily read applications from those who have agreed to the following:

1. I understand that attendance is expected at **ALL** Cultural Leadership programs, retreats and the entire Transformational Journey. (We understand that there may occasionally be reasons to be absent from all or part of a program. There are only four reasons that we will allow you to miss a program: illness, death in the family, something that affects your future and a family event that will never happen again such as a sibling graduation. Requests for approved absences must be submitted to the Cultural Leadership Attendance Committee **two weeks prior to the absence**. I will always inform Cultural Leadership staff of my absence in advance and will **NEVER** simply not show up.
2. I will show respect for everyone involved at all times.
3. I will be present, punctual, and participate at all events.
4. I will go out of my comfort zone to make change in my family/school/house of worship **every month** of my year in Cultural Leadership. I will blog about my efforts on Facebook and respond to at least two of my classmates efforts every month.
5. I realize that I may be uncomfortable at times, but agree to “lean into the discomfort” in order to better myself and better my community.
6. I understand that I will occasionally be assigned a short homework assignment that complements the program curriculum and I agree to complete that homework on time.
7. I understand that the use of all cell phones and ipods (including text messaging) are **PROHIBITED** during all program activities. I agree to pay CL \$5 if my cell phone rings or I text message during a program.
8. I will check email **daily** for messages from Cultural Leadership and respond if necessary at my earliest opportunity.
9. I will inform Cultural Leadership of any change in my contact information, including address, **all** phone numbers, and email addresses, **as soon as the change occurs**.
10. I will volunteer in the Cultural Leadership office when necessary, and I will attend special events and fundraisers as requested.
11. I will write thank you notes (to donors, speakers, the media, etc.) and articles/blogs for the Cultural Leadership newsletter/website **as requested**.
12. I will keep a journal and complete evaluations of programs as requested.
13. Within 30 days of our return from the summer trip, I will write letters to at least 10 people (family, friends, teachers, clergy, neighbors, etc.) asking for a donation to Cultural Leadership.
14. Within 30 days of our return from the trip, I will prepare two speeches, one to be given at my house of worship and one to be given to either a synagogue or a church. I will email a copy of both speeches to Cultural Leadership so they can be edited if necessary and kept on file. I will practice the speeches on out loud and with my co-presenter(s), so we appear as polished as possible to the audience. I will know my speech well enough to not *read* it to the audience.
15. I will give at least two speeches about Cultural Leadership prior to graduation. At least one will be at my house of worship and the other at another house of worship.
16. After the “Learning How to Facilitate Discussions” overnight retreat, I will facilitate/lead at least two Courageous Conversations throughout the community.

17. At all Cultural Leadership events, I **will not**...

- possess, consume, or distribute alcoholic beverages;
- possess, use, or distribute any illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia;
- smoke, consume, or distribute tobacco products;
- possess or use any weapon, firearm, or anything that may be construed as a weapon;
- engage in ANY sexual behavior; and
- leave any program venue without permission from the Cultural Leadership staff.

Violation of any of these rules will result in my immediate dismissal from the program.

18. I agree to abide by any additional rules, pertinent to a specific event, that may be announced, and to accept the consequences of their violation, including possible expulsion from Cultural Leadership.
19. I realize it is an honor and a privilege to be chosen as a participant of Cultural Leadership and I commit to the above during the 2010 program year. I am excited about Cultural Leadership, and am open to having an incredible, life-changing experience that will teach me to be an activists for social justice.

Applicant Signature _____ Date ____/____/_____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date ____/____/_____